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Blair picks

John Major's

former aide

as US envoy

CHRISTOPHER MEYER, a been speculation that the job

would go to leading Foreign

Office figures such as Jeremy

Greenstock, the political direc-

tor, Paul Lever, European

Union and economic affairs

director, and Sir Stephen

Wall, permanent representa-

But the spotlight has stayed

off Mr Meyer because he has

only recently taken over in

However, Mr Blair, who

first met him when he went to

Washington while in Opposi-

tion and has since been im-

pressed by him at all their meetings, and Mr Cook have decided he is the man they

According to informed Lab-

our sources there is an in-

creasingly close relationship

between Mr Cook and Mr

Blair, who is said to be pleased

with the Foreign Secretary's

access to No IO. Jonathan Powell, Mr Blair's Downing Street chief of staff, worked under Mr Meyer at the Wash-

ington Embassy and the two

Meyer: known for his

polish and exuberance

Mr Meyer will have easy

conduct of his job.

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former Downing Street press

secretary under John Major,

has emerged as the surprise

Tony Blair is understood to

have decided that Mr Meyer.

who became the British envoy

The Prime Minister sees

The decision, which will be

Mr Meyer, 53, is well-liked

He is the archetypal Foreign

In recent weeks there has

Ministers concerned about BBC commentator's 'conflict of interest'

Inquiry into swim chief's lottery deals

By Craig Lord, Andrew Jennings, Dominic Kennedy and Philip Webster

A GOVERNMENT inquiry was promised last night into allegations that Hamilton Bland, the BBC's voice of swimming", had been involved in a potential conflict of interests over the distribution of National Lottery money.

Mr Bland has an official role recommending which swimming pool bids receive lottery money. But, according to an investigation by The Times and Granada TV's World in Action. Mr Bland also has a profitable business as a consultant to those who

want to secure lottery funding.
A third aspect of his business has been helping a com-pany to win contracts to build pools, for which he has been paid 5 per cent commission.

to set up an independent vill be led by Mark Gay, a partner specialising in sports. law at Herbert Smith solicitors, and he is expected to report next month.

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, said that he, too. would be calling for a thorough inquiry. That is expected to be conducted by his department officials and the English Sports Council Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, has also called for reassurances from the Sports Council, which has asked the ASA to

Mr Smith told The Times: There are alarming implications if these allegations are true. They will require the most-rigorous investigation and I will want to ensure that it is carried out as rapidly as

possible."
. Concerns about Mr Bland's multiple business interests were raised by the Sports Council two years ago, but the ASA still renewed his £16,000-

Helicopter crash A boy died when a helicopter

pleasure flight organised by a Noel Edmonds charity

rashed and burst into flames near the Scotlish home of Queen Elizabets, the Queen Mother. Five other passengers were injured in the crash which happened after the helicopter had made an unspecially landing.

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a-year contract as its facilities consultant. Mr. Smith said: The question that has to be answered was whether there was an investigation at that The Amateur Swimming, stage and whether it was Association (ASA) now intends strenoous enough."

Since then, more than £80 inquiry into whether this million has been allocated poses a conflict of interest. It from the lottery to build new further £500 million for 19 more Olympic-size pools, 27. 25-metre international competition pools and dozens of smaller pools.

Mr Bland, a former Olymnic coach who commentates on swimming events for the BBC, lives in a secluded mansion and drives an Aston Martin, number plate SWWIM. He lost a home when a previous business went into voluntary liquidation in 1987, but manages a number of thriving businesses

based on swimming. He runs the ASA/Kelloggs awards scheme, which provides a large chunk of the governing body's income. Every time an ASA swimming badge is sewn onto a child's trunks - and there are expected to be 1.6 million of them this year - Mr Bland gets a share of the £1.10 prize.

He also promotes SwimGB. the ASA's brand of swimwear.

He takes 25 per cent of the profits or losses from this business, which David Sparkes, the ASA's chief executive, claims has recently moved into profit. In the previous two years he paid his share of the losses.

Mr Bland also received 5 per cent commission payments from an engineering company which won contracts for new pools, while he was at the same time giving advice to local authorities on how to build pools. Two of the councils advised by Mr Bland are considering legal action.

As the ASA's facilities consultant, a role he has held since 1988, Mr Bland is one of the first to know about almost every new public swimming pool proposed in the country. And as one of those involved in drafting the ASA's national Plan for Swimming, he was in a position to influence where

The ASA refers bids for new pools to Mr Bland before making a recommendation to the English Sports Council, which distributes lottery cash. Yet as a private consultant, he earns fees from voluntary organisations advising them on applications to the National Lottery to build pools. One proposed arrangement, for a group of Coventry schools. could earn him £100,000.

He does declare to the ASA which organisations he represents and plays no part in making recommendations on whether those pool bids should get cash.

Mr Sparkes said: "The documents I have been shown raise serious concerns. The ASA will be announcing an independent inquiry. Hamilton Bland is aware of it and has agreed to co-operate fully." Mr Bland, contacted by The Times on his mobile phone, declined to comment.



Bland: former Olympic coach manages several thriving businesses based on swimming

Eta killing condemned by Pope

STREET violence erupted in northern Spain yesterday after the murder of a town councillor by the separatist

movement Eta. Half a million people had rallied to try to save Miguel, Angel Blanco, 29, who died in hospital after a two-day kidnapping ended on Saturday. His captors shot him twice in the head and dumped him in

The Pope denounced the killing as an "act of blood" and a "harbaric murder". France, which has a large Basque community, called it "cowardly". Britain condemned "this brutal killing".

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War on junk mail as data watchdog backs customers

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

A CRUSADE to stanch the deluge of junk mail and the sale of personal information about customers without consent is to be undertaken by the data protection watchdog.

Elizabeth France, the data protection registrar, has already issued an enforcement notice against British Gas ordering it to stop disclosing details on its huge customer database to marketing organisations. Warnings have also been sent to London Electricity and Southern Electric. Miss France is ready to issue another four notices against three electricity companies

and a water company. In her annual report, to be

published on Wednesday, Miss France will expose how the companies sell personal customer details held on computers. The data can include, for example, how and when payments are made. She wants companies to draw

up a code of practice to protect customers. Supermarket loyalty cards are also being targeted. Miss France said: "If people choose to sell their privacy for air miles, that is their business. But it's my business to ensure they know what they're doing."

A television advertising campaign has aiready run in Scotland and the North of

England explaining customers' rights and will eventually run throughout the country. People are advised to check information held on them because it might be wrong. If any company refuses. Miss

France wants to hear about it. British Gas has 28 days to conform to the enforcement notice, but Miss France expects the case to go before a data protection tribunal this autumn. In the event of an appeal, the case will be heard

in the High Court. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is expected to increase Miss France's powers.

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Glenn Miller 'died in Paris prostitute's bed'

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THE American band leader, Glenn Miller, did not die in a plane crash over the Channel but in a French brothel, according to an investigative journalist in Germany.

The author of a new book about Germany's intelligence service claims that Miller's plane reached France and he died of a heart attack in the arms of a prostitute in Paris, the masscirculation Bild reported at the weekend. The book, Classified Matters, aged 40. The man who wrote Moon-

due out this week, refers to US secret service files in making new claims about the jazz trombonist's death and a Second World War cover-up. Its author, Udo Ulfkotte, a respected journalist with the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, claims the circumstances of Miller's death were considered too distasteful to publicise

and it was decided to fake a crash. Miller, one of the most successful big band leaders of the 1940s, was at the height of his career, entertaining US troops in Europe when he died

light Serenade and In the Mood and boosted wartime morale playing 71 concerts for more than 250,000 troops. took off in a single-engine Norseman aircraft from RAF Twinwoods, near Bedford, with a pilot and another passenger on December 15, 1944. Miller was due to play a series of concerts in France but, according to the US military which announced his death, he never arrived.

No distress call was registered and no wreckage was sighted until 1985 when a British diver, Clive Ward, discovered the plane about 64 miles

off the French coast. There was no registration number on the aircraft and no human remains either inside or in the surrounding area. Dr Ulfkotte, 37, writes in his book that US intelligence and military

had collapsed in her bed. He claims that files he stumbled upon in Washington while researching the book prove both Miller's family and the public were deceived.

"It is a typical example of the coverups of that period," he told Bild.

officials were informed that Miller had visited a prostitute in Paris and

Hill cheered as Villeneuve wins Jacques Villeneuve won the British Grand Prix to close the gap on Michael Schumacher. But most of the cheers at Silverstone were for Damon Hill who came sixth and won his first point of the

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Sick leave delays end to BA disruption

AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS' flights from Heathrow will be disrupted for at least the next three days because more than 1.800 cabin staff are still officially on sick leave.

While all 313 members of the militant Transport and General Workers cabin crew union who openly came out on strike have now reported for duty, only about 200 of the 1,983 who suddenly went sick when the strike was called have told BA that they are now fit enough to go back to work.

Many were given seven-day sick notes by their doctors just before the three-day strike began last Wednesday. As a result, despite the ending of the walk-out and all strikers report-

ing for normal duty, only 74 out of 122 scheduled short-haul European flights from Heathrow will operate today and only 75 on Tuesday. Only 41 long-haul flights out of 48, and only 32 of the planned 60 domestic

services will run. BA said. Garwick, where short-haul and domestic services were only slightly affected by the dispute, should be completely back to normal by Tues-

day.

"The three-day strike has had a significant and long-lasting impact," a BA spokeswoman said last night. Many aircraft and staff are out of position because of the dispute, passengers have rebooked in anticipation of further disruption and with so many staff reporting sick the combination of problems has meant further regrettable problems for our

members of the British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa) formally ended at 6am on Saturday. But throughout yester-day barely half of BA's Heathrow flights went ahead as planned. The airline cancelled 69 out of 120 shorthaul flights, 15 out of 50 short-haul

services and was able to fly only 18

out of 46 scheduled domestic

Ironically many of the strikers who rang to say they were ready for duty were told to stay at home because, BA said, there were no aircraft available to out them on; or because so many passengers had cancelled, flights had

New talks are expected on the dispute today and tomorrow, with no further official strikes being called

becoming increasingly arcane.

BA has given a written guaranteee that no cabin staff will be worse off as a result of the changes planned in their pay and conditions. It has offered increases of up to 24 per cent in basic pay in return for a cut in overtime and other allowances.

As part of an agreement already signed by the rival union, Cabin Crew 89, BA has given each of the airline's cabin staff a certificate promising to monitor their pay during the next three years and to ensure that no one loses out.

But one senior cabin crew member who went on strike said that he and his colleagues no longer trusted the BA management to stick to their promise. What is going to happen in

for the time being. But the reasons for three years' time?" he said. "None of the continuation of the dispute are us has any trust in them."

Jim Welsh, chairman of Cabin Crew 89, said last night that the strike had been needless. "Even

Bassa say that the agreements reached with us can stand," he said. Pickets are likely to be outside BA's annual general meeting tomorrow, and protests are certain in the hall as so many staff are ow shareholders. Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman. is certain to give a robust and combative account of the strike to shareholders who are becoming increasingly concerned at the long-

term damage to BA's reputation. Hopes are high, however, that a settlement can be reached this week over a second dispute involving the sell-off of the airline's catering unit at NEWS IN BRIEF

Euro-MPs to question minister over beef

before the European Parliament in Strasbourg tomorrow to explain how hundreds of tonnes of British beef were exported to the Continent despite a ban imposed 16 months ago (Michael

Hornsby writes).
He will be questioned by a parliamentary committee set up a year ago to investigate "mad cow" disease, and will be accompanied by Franz Fischler, the European Agri-

The European Commission is considering whether to start legal proceedings against Britain for failing to enforce the trade ban, and Dr Cunningham has been warned that the lifting of the export embargo could be further delayed because of evidence of lax British controls after beef had been smuggled out of Britain via Belgium.

Thalidomide

parents' claim The parents of Georgina Harrison, four, who was born with deformed arms and legs are to begin a legal claim in which they maintain that birth defects caused by thalidomide can be inherited. Glenn and Deborah Harrison, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, will present their Guinness, which took over Distillers, makers of thalidomide. They want £50,000 damages and are threatening legal action.

Buoy sabotaged by Greenpeace

Environmental protesters were accused of piracy after they sabotaged a buoy being used in the hunt for new oil reserves in the Atlantic. Greenpeace members went to sea in inflatable dinghies to remove the buoy's satellite antenna as part of an ongoing campaign. The buoy is vital to seismic tests carried out by the research vessel Pacific Horicon on behalf of oil companies, headed by Texaco, which are seeking reserves west of Shetland.

Man murdered at nightclub

A man was shot dead by two robbers as he stood talking to friends in the foyer of a Birmingham club early yes-terday. West Midlands police believe Adriel Peters, 34, may have been killed when he started to argue with one of the men, who had handguns, at the Porsche club in Small Heath. He was shot once in the head in "cold-blood" and the robbers - both black men in their early 20s - may have taken his wallet and some

Rare cricketing film discovered

Rare film of two great cricketers, Percy Fender and the Australian Don Bradman, has been found by the British Film Institute and will be shown to the public for the first time in 60 years. Fender is shown in coverage by Pathe News of a match between Sussex and Lancashire in the summer of 1913. The Bradman footage dates from 1930, his first momentous tour of England, and also shows his century at Trent Bridge in

Carey to speak against gay clergy

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canter-bury, Dr George Carey, is expected to give a strong traditional lead today on the issue of homosexuality among Church of England clergy.

Dr Carey, who is expected to state that all sexual relationships should take place inside marriage, represents a growing body of opinion in the Church angered by pressure groups who have attempted to force the issue of homosexuality to the top of the agenda.

Church leaders want Anglicans to concentrate on issues such as the Christian approach to the millennium, and he remaining few years of the Decade of Evangelism. But the church's lesbian and gay activists are determined not to let the matter rest until the Church has sanctioned the ordination of practising homosexuals.

According to a survey pub-lished yesterday by the Lesbi-an and Gay Christian Movement, about ten serving diocesan bishops, nearly a quarter of the total. have knowingly ordained actively gay priests. And the Rev Richard Kirker, of the movedrop the "damaging and dishonest pretence that it is not ordaining homosexuals in considerable numbers".

Traditionalists and evangelicals strongly oppose the ordination of practising homosexuals and the Church's official line is one of opposition to same-sex relationships.

Some bishops have done their best to accommodate homosexual clergy, in spite of the Church's official view, out of recognition that their ministry can be as good if not better than that of their heterosexual colleagues. These bishops are now concerned that their tolerance and willingness to help is being described as hypocrisy.

☐ The Bishop of Liverpool, Dr David Sheppard, yester-day called for higher taxes to create full employment. Dr Sheppard, preaching at a service at York Minister, said: "If the whole Church really cared, we might change the climate of opinion in our country. Such a change in the climate wwould make some policies possible, like paying more tax, which politicians have shied

ment, called on the Church to William Rees-Mogg, page 20



Lesbian and gay Christians outside the Synod yesterday. The feared disruptive protests did not materialise

Prince joins Blair's jobs campaign

THE Prince of Wales has signalled his backing for the Government's welfare to work scheme by authorising talks this week on a link-up with the projects for jobless youngsters already available under his

own Prince's Trust. In one of a series of meetings this week with Cabinet ministers, the Prince will appear with Gordon Brown at dinner, organised by the Business in the Community organisation, at which the Chancellor will call on companies to make welfare to

work a success. Amid private suggestions by senior ministers that the Prince is developing an increasingly warm relationship with the Government, he will today join Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, at the University of Strathelyde, where the minister is expected to urge Scottish employers to

hack the Prince's Trust. David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, is to attend an event at the Prince's Highgrove home later in the week to promote primary school teaching. He is also expected to have lunch this week with Robin Cook, the Foreign

Blair accused of 'purge' over plan to vet candidates

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR is poised to take rigorous centraliséd powers over the choice of Labour's parliamentary candidates.

The move, designed to weed out "unsuitable" candidates, is being condemned by the Left as an attempt to turn Labour into an exclusive club of middle-class Blairites.

Labour has already moved to prevent local parties selecting low-calibre candidates in crucial by-elections; under arrangements that have operated during the last two Parliaments, the National Executive Committee picks a list of suitable names and allows the constituency to choose from it. But now the Prime Minister wants to ensure that the 600strong list of potential parliamentary candidates, open to anyone who has been a party

member for two years, is properly vetted. Labour leadership sources reject the charges from leftwingers of a "purge" and claim that the move is designed to get more women, members of ethnic minorities, business people and other groups into Parliament. A report that goes to the NEC later this month says: "Past panels have included some ighly unsuited members who have traversed the country seeking selection and occasionally been successful."

Under the plans, candidates who had been nominated by their local or regional parties would be called to weekend schools where they would undergo assessment, involving press conferences, public speeches and appearing on television.

Candidates will be required to demonstrate party experience and commitment, public service experience and grasp policy issues. Mr Blair made plain in a speech on Saturday that there would be no going back on his reforms or on the plans to go before this year's conference to weaken the ability of conference to stand in the way of a Labour government's policy. Senior aides say that Mr Blair is constantly preaching the message to the party that "one term is not enough" and that it must continue to behave in a

way that retains public trust.

Police vie for top two crime jobs BY STEWART LENDLER

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY senior police officers are competing for the two most important jobs fighting crime in Britain, each paying salaries of up to £99,000 a

The applications are for the post of the first Director-General of the new National Crime Squad and Director-General of the National Crim-

inal Intelligence Service. The jobs are open to chief constables and senior assistant chief constables and carry contracts of three to five vears.

At one stage senior police debated joining the two agen-cies together under one super commander. The Association of Chief Police Officers eventually ruled this out and set the salaries for the two posts at the level of a middle-ranking to senior chief constable. As a result senior officers say that a number of potential candidates among chief constables and senior London officers

have decided not to apply. The new National Crime Squad comes into existence next April and will be created by an amalgamation of the current regional crime

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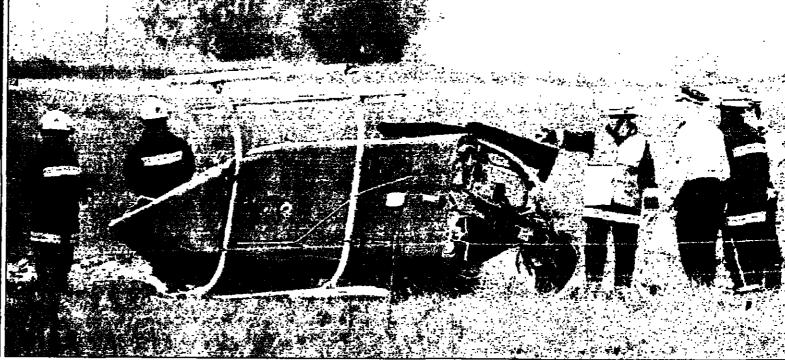
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Boy, nine, dies in charity helicopter ride





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Noel Edmonds, left, was said to be devastated by the death of nine-year-old Gary Malley in the grounds of Glamis Castle yesterday. The helicopter crashed after making an unscheduled landing three minutes into the flight

A BOY died yesterday when a helicopter pleasure flight organised by a Noel Edmonds charity crashed and burst into flames near the Scottish residence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Mr Edmonds was a star attraction at the event, in the grounds of Giamis Castle, Perthshire, the family seat of the Earls of Strathmore and the childhood home of the Queen Mother.

The television presenter said he was devastated by the death of Gary Malley, nine, of Dundee. Five others were injured in the crash, which was arranged to give handicapped and underprivileged children the chance to fly.

The helicopter apparently made

Shirley English and Adrian Lee report on a flight for handicapped children that went wrong Farmer, the millionaire founder of

an unscheduled landing three minutes into the flight and crashed when trying to take off again. Gary, who suffered from a serious speech impediment, was apparently thrown from the helicopter when it crashed in a field of bulls. The front section of the cockpit shattered as the helicopter fell on to its left-hand side and skidded 150 yards through fencing.

One theory is that the pilot was trying to find a safer place to land. Rescuers had difficulty reaching the wreckage because of the bulls'

The aircraft was owned by Tom

the Kwik-Fit exhaust chain. It was one of several taking children and their parents on rides from the Scottish Transport Extravaganza.

The injured — Ryan Nicoll, II. Duncan Jones, 11, both of Dundee, Fraser Patrick, eight, and his father, Alan, 45, from Aberdeen, and the pilot, Bob Hobson — were taken to Dundee Royal Infirmary. where they were discharged after treatment for minor injuries.

Witnesses said a fire engine was on standby at the fete and the flames were extinguished before the fuel tank exploded. The flight

had been organised by the Airborne Trust, a charity founded by Mr Edmonds to give under-privileged and handicapped children

the experience of flying. There had been heavy rain shortly before the crash. Two other helicopters at the festival, attended by several thousand people, were grounded but the event continued with most people unaware of the

Kay Adam, 28, who lives at the farm, said: "The rain was torrential. I was in the house and heard a noise like a tree crashing. I saw the helicopter in the field and saw a group of people standing next to it. They were surrounded by bulls. I rushed to phone the emergen-

into a shed in the farm. The field was full of bulls and when they get scared, they get very angry," she Phil Ward, a friend of Mr

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licopter and got the kids up and

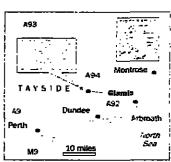
Edmonds, said: "I know Noel and I know that he will be very upset. I just hope it has not put him off any of his fund-raising activities."

spokesman for Airborne, which has organised 7,000 flights without incident, said: "Everyone

connected with the charity is extremely upset at this terrible tragedy." The flights had been approved

by the Civil Aviation Authority. The Jet Ranger 200, regarded as the workhorse of commercial helicopters, has an excellent safety record and there are more than 7.000 in operation. A team of investigators from the Air Accident Investigation Branch is to produce a report will be sent to the procurator fiscal. Estate staff said the Queen Mother was not in

Chief Superintendent Stewart Davidson, of Tayside Police, said:



"It appears that the helicopter may have been in the process of trying to take off again. But that is only speculation. Obviously, the pilot is shocked and we will need to

Listeners and MPs will fight Radio 4 cuts

By MARK HENDERSON

Shows such as Start the programmes — Today, The Week, You and Yours, Going World at One and The Ar-Places and The Afternoon, chers — to stay tuned by Shift are scheduled to go introducing stronger probe put before the BBC Board blueprint for change has al-ready been approved in principle by the BBC's executive

management committee. Shortened versions of Farming Today and Yesterday in Parliament are to incorporated within an extended Today, and other programmes, including The Moral Maze and PM, are to be moved from their peak-time slots. The 9.05am slot will be filled by a daily celebrity chat show. Test Match Special, the ball-byball cricket commentary on Radio 4 long wave, is also under threat from the review, ahich is scheduled to take

effect in April. James Boyle, the station's

Ashton: despairs that

RADIO 4 listeners were lining controller, has decided on the up yesterday to save up to 20 changes after six months of programmes earmarked for consultations. He hopes to the axe by the station's new persuade people who tune in only for the most popular Brenda Eccles, 42, had nev-

under a programme review to grammes around them. of Governors on July 24. The groups and devotees of the threatened programmes said they would fight the plans. Rachel Mawhood of Radio 4 Watch, the organisation which saw off plans to remove the channel's long wave fre-quency in 1993, said Mr Boyle was squeezing out minority interest and highbrow

> "The complaint is about 'dumbing down' and it seems to be a justified one," she said. "I think it appalling that Start the Week, a heavyweight pro-gramme, is to be replaced by celebrity interviews. It really gets up my nose that people think that just because people are famous they have something interesting to say."

Politicians are planning an Early Day Motion condemning the loss of Yesterday in Parliament's verbatim Commons reports. Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, said: "I don't honestly know what the BBC is thinking of. I despair sometimes that worthy programmes like this are

being taken off.

The BBC said it remained committed to high quality speech programming aimed at listeners in their thirties and forties. "We have absolutely no intention of dumbing down Radio 4. That is absolutely wrong," a spokesman said.

Good turn is timely reminder for widow

By ROBIN YOUNG

WHEN time ran out for Malcolm Eccles his dying wish was that he should provide a timely reminder for his wife. So he had his ashes turned into an egg-timer.

er been able to cook a softboiled egg without her husband's help. When Mr Eccles, a screen printer from Oldham, Greater Manchester, was diagnosed two years ago as suffering from bowel cancer he took his wife to a local beauty spot, Hollingworth Lake, to talk about his likely death.

Mrs Eccles said yesterday: He said he had worked hard all his life and enjoyed it, so he could not see why he should stop working when he was dead. I cannot boil a soft egg to save my life. He knew that and said I should turn some of his ashes into an egg timer then he could help me and it would be a nice way of remembering him. He said, 'At least when you turn me over it will make you smile rather than make

After her husband died last February, at the age of 50, Mrs Eccles complied with his suggestion in grand style, by having glassblowers and joiners construct a custom-built egg-timer one foot high to "I can see him up there

laughing at me". Mrs Eccles said yesterday. "If people going through the same thing can get a smile or a laugh out of it too, then it be well worth

Mrs Eccles added: "Malcolm was as daft as a brush. He had a good sense of humour which he kept right through to the end."

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Sweet-toothed teenager is Dublin's first Internet thief

BY AUDREY MAGER, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

sweet tooth has become Ireland's first Internet criminal after ordering £1,600 of chocolate on the credit card of an unwitting Argentinian.

The case began last month in a middle-class home in Sutton, north Dublin, where a 15-year-old boy was surfing the Net on his parents' computer. He chanced upon an American company offering home deliveries of chocolate. The boy called up the order form, filled in his name and address and ledged an order for \$2,000 of Dairy Milk Toffee Crisp and Mars bars. Further prompts asked for American suppliers checked his credit card number. He the order form, realised the made one up, typing in 16 order went to Dublin rather

later, while his parents were out, the courier arrived with three large containers of chocolate. The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, paid the required £40 stamp duty and stashed the bounty in his room. He and his young friend began to sample the chocolate

Meanwhile, the credit card holder in Argentina was distressed to discover that he had paid \$2,000 to an American company supplying chocolates. He de-nied any knowledge of the order and the hunt for the missing sweets began. The

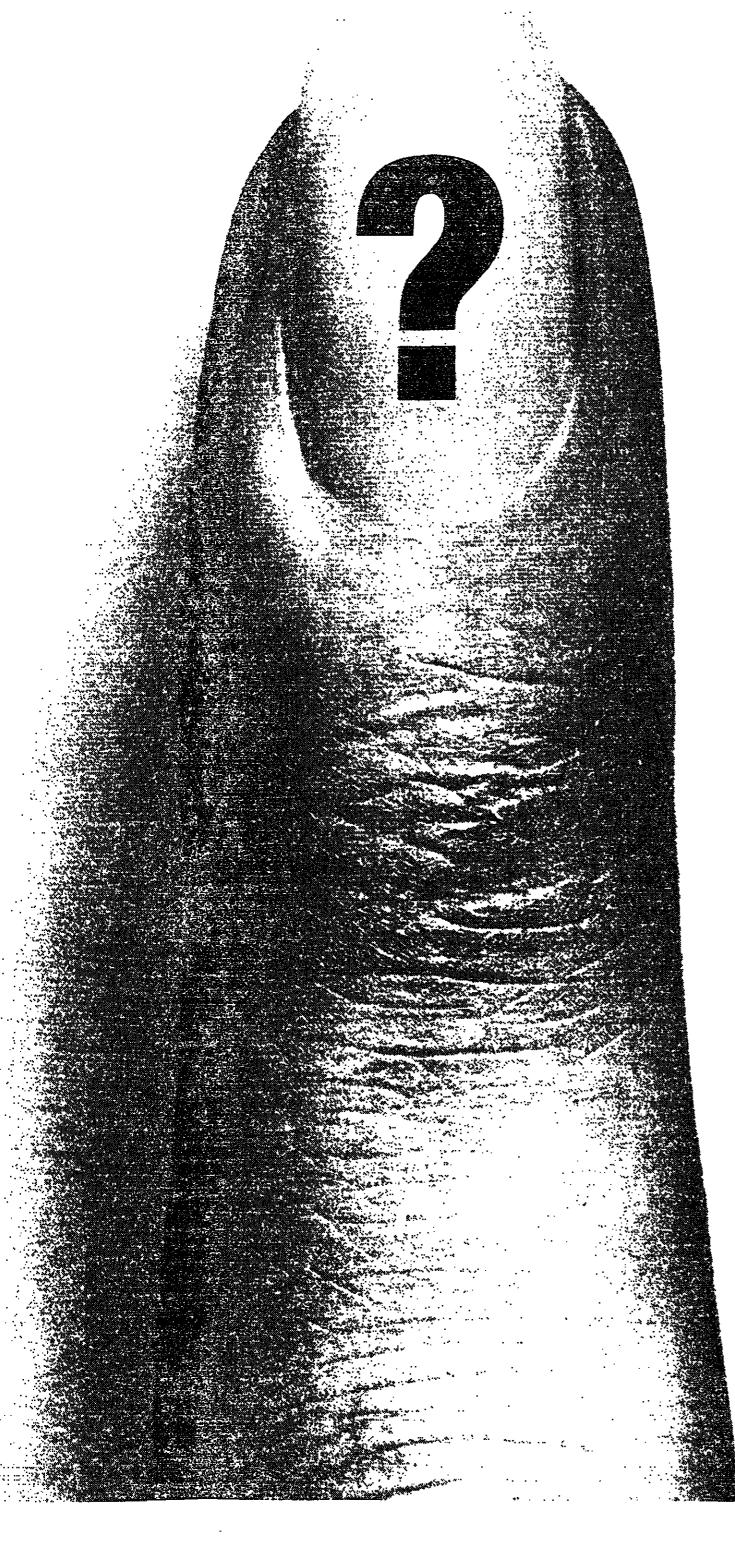
A TEENAGE boy with a digits at random. Four days than to Argentina and contacted the Irish police. The Irish frand squad began investigating its first case of Internet fraud. Police called at the boy's

home last week to find him devouring the evidence. According to one Irish weekend newspaper, his parents were "dumbfounded" at the discovery. All three co-operated fully with the police and recovered the remains of the stash.

As a juvenile, the boy will not be charged with obtaining goods by false pretences and the American company donated his booty to a children's charity in Dublin. The offender is said to be "remorseful and sick of the sight of chocolate".

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holiday with Al Fayed 'ill advised'

DIANA Princess of Wales, continued her holiday with the businessman Mohamed Al Fayed yesterday amid criti-cism that the trip was "ill-advised". The Princess and her sons were pictured with Mr Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, and his wife on board his yacht off the Côte d'Azur, prompting adverse comment in several news-

The criticism, by anonymous "royal and political sources", was described as "spiteful and unfair" by Mr Al Fayed's senior aide yesterday. Michael Cole, director of public affairs at Harrods, said Mr Al Fayed had been "vindicated" by Sir Gordan Downey over his involvement in the Commons "cash for questions" controversy.

He said yesterday: This is an entirely private holiday. The two families are entitled to their privacy. Fortunately, this intrusion has not spoiled the enjoyment of the royal party or Mr Al Fayed.

A factor in the Princess's decision to accept the invitation was said to have been a recent picture of the Queen, accompanied by Mr Al Fayed, presenting the prizes at a Windsor horse show he had organised. The holiday would also have been approved by Prince of Wales because of the involvement of Prince William and Prince Harry. Detectives from the Royal and Diplomatic Protection Branch have

accompanied the group. The Princess does not have a public relations adviser and relies on a dwindling number. of aides. Her former public relations adviser, Jane Atkinson, who resigned last year, declined to comment yester-day. However, Max Clifford. the public relations consultant, said: "The Princess

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would have gone into this with her eyes wide open. She has had some major PR successes with her campaign to han landmines and with the sale of

her dresses for charity.
"Mr Al Fayed has helped to show up the likes of Neil Hamilton and Jonathan Aitken. One of the reasons why she is the most popular member of the Royal Family is because she mixes with all sorts of people and understands how most of us think and feel."

The Princess and her sons, who recently started their school holidays, flew to Cannes on Friday in one of Mr Al Fayed's private aircraft and joined the yacht Sakara, named after an Egyptian god, on Saturday. Mr Al Fayed and his wife Fin own a £10 million villa in St Tropez, as well as the yacht, said to be worth about £20 million.

Last year the Princess declined Mr Al Fayed's offer to become a consultant director of Harrods International, a position which was accepted by her stepmother, the former Raine Spencer.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday: Holiday arrangements are entirely private between the Princess, the Prince of Wales and their children."

The Princess's personal assistant, Louise Reid-Carr, has become the latest member of her staff to resign. Miss Reid-Carr, 35, a former air hostess, was paid £25,000 a year and left after six months. She worked as one of a team of three sorting out mail, engagements, and royal holidays. At her home in Bournemouth, she said yesterday: "I really enjoyed my job but felt it was the right time to leave."



A mural on Lower Ormeau Road, Belfast, illustrates nationalist anger with Mo Mowlam over the Drumcree march

March truce boosts peace hopes

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

THE "tremendous spirit of relief" felt after the Ulster marching season reached a relatively untroubled climax will encourage the search for peace, a leading churchman said yesterday.

Tens of thousands of Orangemen marched without confrontation after their decision to call off or re-route their most contentious July 12 parades. Afterwards there was rioting in Belfast and Londonderry in which several RUC officers were

injured. The unrest was not, however, of the scale after the Drumcree march on July 6, which infuriated nationalists. Tensions were defused by the Orangemen's an-nouncement last Thursday that the July 12 parades would be restricted.

Archbishop Robin Earnes, Primate of the Church of Ireland, said yesterday that

there was a mood of conciliation. "This tremendous spirit of relief is bound to carry the process forward."

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, pledged to use the new climate to press ahead with the multiparty talks which resume at Stormont tomorrow. She told Sky News: "We have to stabilise the democratic process. The last thing we want in Northern Ireland at the moment is a political vacuum."

Dr Mowlam said she would like to see Sinn Fein at the talks, but that the IRA must first declare an unequivocal ceasefire. "We have made it patently clear the ball is in their court."

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, said it was "wishful thinking" to believe that the IRA would renew its ceasefire, citing the gun and bomb attack

on a security patrol in North Belfast and the shooting of two teenagers at a loyalist bonfire on Friday night. He told BBCI's Breakfast with Frost: The attacks . . . show the real character of

Irish republicanism. While there was less violence than there would have been lat the weekend), Irish republicanism demonstrated that they have been looking for opportunities to create violence." ☐ Five people appeared at Limavady

Magistrates Court charged with riotous assembly in Londonde in the early hours of yesterday. \square Security forces were believed to have uncovered a substantial quantity of explosives on a nationalist estate in Londonderry yesterday. Homes were

evacuated as army bomb experts dealt

with the discovery.

Standing room only for Opera House's swansong

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By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE organiser of the live screening of tonight's Royal Opera House gala into Covent Garden's Piazza has expressed dismay that the outside audithroughout the performance. The gala is being held to mark the house's two-year closure for redevelopment.

Susanna Little, of Aquarius Productions, was told by Westminster council that, for health and safety reasons, the event would not go ahead unless she complied with their request. In previous years, part of the enjoyment lay in people being able to relax, she said. No one from Westminster council was available for

It is unlikely that anyone can actually force people to stand. Ms Little said: "I will have complied with the health and safety officer in telling

people they can't sit down." The gala performance, to be attended by the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret, marks the closure of the 138-year-old building for its £214 million redevelopment. The Farewell Gala is being broadcast live on BBC2, and a huge crowd will see it free of the charge on the big screen in the piazza. Details of the programme are being kept secret beyond that the tenor Placido Domingo and ballerina Darcey Bussell are among the star performers.

During the closure, the Roy-al Opera and Royal Ballet companies will perform at a variety of theatres and halls. The house has been widely criticised for its delay and indecision in finding alternative venues. In an interview on BBC Radio 3 on Saturday, the opera house's music director, Bernard Haitink, expressed concern at the problems that had been encountered.

Tonight's performance starts at 7.30pm; piazza promenaders are advised to arrive from 5.30pm or 6pm.

NEWS IN BRIEF Medieval 'gospel factory' site found

Archeologists believe they have found the site of a "gospel factory" on Lindis-farne, the cradle of Christianity in Britain. The team from Leicester University is excavating an early medieval settlement on Holy Island, off

the Northumberland coast. The Green Shiel site was found to contain large quantities of cattle bones from animals whose skin would have been turned into vellum. the raw material not only for the Lindisfarne Gospels, but also for many other manuscripts.

12,000-mile pedal

A cyclist has completed a 12,000-mile charity ride from England to Australia. Tom Fremantle rode from Swan-bourne, Buckinghamshire, to the village's namesake in the suburbs of Perth. "I've been waiting for 16 months to see the Swanbourne sign," he said.

Festival arrests

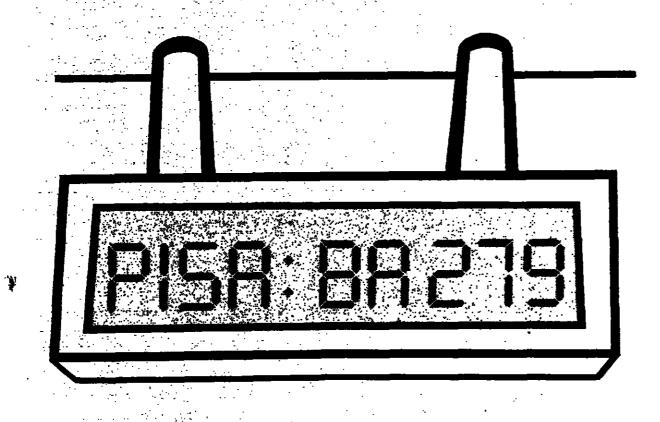
About 50 arrests, mostly for drug possession, were made during the three-day Severn Rebels music festival in Blaisdon, Gloucestershire. One person was arrested for illegal possession of a shotgun, found in a car beneath a basket of fresh pike.

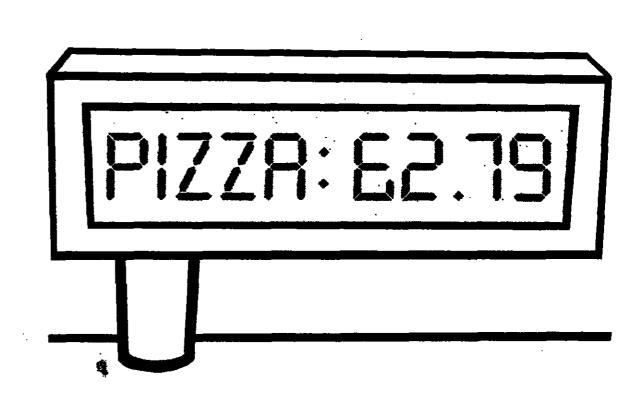
West house sale

The house at 25 Midland Road, Gloucester, in which the serial killer Frederick West buried his eldest daughter Charmaine, is to be sold at auction. The dilapidated three-storey building, turned into three flats, is expected to make up to £40,000.

Groom bailed

A bridegroom arrested at his stag party has been bailed to go on his honeymoon. Darryl Jones, 24, of Bearty, Warwick-shire, was arrested with eight friends on Friday when violence erupted during his stag night but was released for just over an hour to get married.





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A-level analysis finds boys do. better in single-sex schools

BOYS gain more from single-sex education than girls, ac-John O'Leary on a new perspective to co-ed debate cording to research that will reignite the debate over the

advantages of segregating the sexes at school. level results by the Department for Education and Employment shows that boys in single-sex schools did about 20 per cent better than those in mixed sixth-forms. Girls in single-sex schools also outperformed their co-educational counterparts, but the gap was 25.3 points against the mixed schools' 21.7.

Previous comparisons of results have focused on the impact of single-sex education on girls, who have been thought to be disadvantaged by more assertive boys. But concern about boys' performance, highlighted in this month's White Paper on

commissioned by Tim Devlin, an education consultant who represents several single-sex schools, shows that boys-only state schools averaged 20.5 points per candidate at A level on the UCAS university en-trance scale, compared with 16.6 in mixed schools. In the independent sector, single-sex schools scored an average of

schools achieved an average of 19.2 points, against 16.8 in coeducation. The independent school equivalent was 24 points in girls-only sixth-forms and 21 points for mixed schools.

Girls in single-sex state

Much of the difference can be attributed to leading schools shunning the move to

place in state and independent education. The majority of grammar schools remain sine-sex, as do many of the most famous in the independent sector, such as Eton and the St Paul's schools in London. However, the size of the gap

in A-level results will prompt new questions about the impact of co-education. Some mixed comprehensives have resorted to single-sex classes for younger ages in an attempt to improve results.

Martin Hammond, headmaster of the boys-only Tonbridge School, Kent, which finished tenth in The Times's A-level league table last summer, said: "Much depends, of course, on a

selective. Nevertheless, these figures suggest that it may well be easier to establish academic momentum in a single-sex school, where boys feel greater freedom to be themselves and to develop as they wish, without pressure to conform to a boy stereotype."

Martin Stephen, headmaster of the boys-only Man-chester Grammar School, said mixed schools often did not make sufficient allowance for the different rate of development between boys and girls.

Alan Smithers, head of Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, who published a study of mixed- and single-sex school results last year, said many of the differences disap-

peared when schools of simi-lar intakes were compared. "It is true that boys single-sex schools do outstandingly well at GCSE and A level, but it is an extremely complicated area because there are so many different types of school.

A subsequent analysis by Professor Smithers shows that segregation makes little difference to girls results in comprehensive schools, while boys do slightly better in mixed

comprehensives.

At A level, single-sex schools' better grades could be partly a matter of higher staying-on rates and transfers between schools, Professor Smithers said. While our findings cannot be regarded as conclusive, we can at least be sure that separating the sexes does not have an effect on exam results on all



Elizabeth France, who made her own protest against BT by blocking her numbers under its callback scheme

Bill-payer makes a stand for customers' right to privacy

Junk mail is more than twice as irritating as the use of

mobile phones in public places or motorists hogging the

middle lane of a motorway, according to an NOP survey of

Data Protection Registrar who is launching a crusade against junk mail, has had a gas account for more than 25 years. As with any other customer, the company knows how many times she has moved, how she pays her bills

and when she pays. It is valuable information for direct-mail companies but Miss France is adamant that monopoly utility companies should not treat her personal files or anyone else's in a

cavalier fashion. Miss France, 47, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, has been Data Protection Registrar for three years, establishing herself as a formidable defender of fundamental rights. She made her own stand against BT's callback can find out the number of the last person who called them. Miss France. a mother of three, had her home and office numbers blocked.

She has refused to listen to

August car

rush may be

spread out

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MINISTERS are preparing to

abandon the annual change to car registrations and replace it

with twice-yearly new number

The current system, which

has been criticised by car manufacturers for causing a

surge in demand each August

and consequent production

problems, is expected to end by the end of the century.

Almost a quarter of the two million new cars sold each

year are registered in August. Gavin Strang, the Trans-

port Minister, is planning to

announce within the next month plans for a new bi-

annual registration, possibly

in March and September. Bu

it is unlikely to begin until the Driver and Vehicle Licensing

Agency has completed the

introduction of a new comput-er system in 1999.

Mr Strang is also under-stood to be interested in a

system of regional registrations to help police to identify

cars owned by terrorist suspects. But he believes that a

rash change could create confusion among police forces

and is keen to make sure that such a system is effective.

1.500 Britons. Uninvited mail - known as direct marketing - is top of the list of nuisances, nominated by 65 per cent of those questioned. From an expenditure of £5.5 billion - in printing, postage, holding and updating customer databases—direct marketing produced a record £23 billion in sales last year. A total of 3.27 billion items were delivered, more

than two thirds to private homes. That means the average targeted household receives two items of junk mail a week.

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pleadings from businessmen who say it is too expensive for them to give members of the public details of the personal record held on them. Miss France's view is intransigent. Companies know about data protection laws and know they must comply with them. They should have set up systems that can do the job. There's no point them coming to me saying it is going to cost them £1,000 to give someone the

Her job is certain to expand as more people become familiar with computer technology and wake up to the fact that companies are passing on

information about them. The White Paper on data protection which will be pubished later this month is likely to rename Miss France as the Information or Privacy Commissioner. A change in her title might prove beneficial, as many people consider Data Protection Registrar rather impersonal and would more easily relate to a Privacy Commissioner, as exists in

Canada and New Zealand. Miss France has a strong grounding on privacy issues

Home Office she was involved in the development of privacy policy spanning the govern-ments of James Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher. Her tough stance to the job may also spring from another previous responsibility. Her nononsense, direct style stood her in good stead as an official in charge of hardline strategies on special police operations and combating the drugs

For much of her career she has been based in the North West, unusually for a senior government official. Previously she was head of information and pay services for the Home Office in Bootle, Merseyside, and has made her family

home in Cheshire. She guards the privacy of her personal life with zeal but in her public duties she is forthcoming and open. A lot more will be heard of her in the coming months as she prepares to simplify the data

Trial time limits may cut prison crowding

By Stewart Tendler RIME CORRESPONDENT

STATUTORY time limits on bringing cases to trial aimed at cutting the number of remand prisoners are being considered by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and other ministers to cut the rising

prison population. Setting time limits along the lines of the system in Scotland would force the pace of hearings. In some parts of the country, including London, a defendent can spend months awaiting trial and a quarter of the 60,000 jail inmates are on

Other plans under consideration according to Home Office sources yesterday include ways of ending repeated adjournments of cases and the waste caused by last minute changes of plea. Both lead to remand prisoners being held

for longer than necessary.

Proposals to speed up the remand system and to introduce tougher community sentences are expected to be put forward before the end of the year. The Government is also looking at ways of increasing vately-built jails which would be run by prison officers.

Tougher sentences will depend partly on greater use of tagging to enforce curiews. The Government has already said that the use of tags will be extended to non-violent prisoners on early release.

But Mr Straw, speaking yesterday on BBC Radio 4's World This Weekend, denied reports that he will plea with judges to make greater use of the community penalties. He said he wanted an informed debate on what were the most appropriate sentencing arrangements. Public confidence in the sentences was low but if they were more effective, judges would be keener to use

them, he said. Mr Straw said that in the short term his job was to find places for offenders being sent into custody. But in the longer term he had to try to ensure "greater safety for the public" and that community sentences had a significant role.

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Schools Employees need help to balance and hom career and home

Alexandra Frean reports on new pressures at work

BALANCING the demands of the continuing demands and a career and of home life is an increasing problem for today's oung professionals, according to research. One lifth of them would be prepared to take a pay cut if it meant having more free time.

The study shows that half of all full-time employees are concerned about having too ittle time to spend with their families and friends. A quarter simply do not believe it is possible to have a good family life and get ahead in their current job.

The findings of the survey conducted by MORI for the management consultancy imits Ma worker by MORI for the management consultancy WFD, could have far-reaching implications for businesses, as they compete in a changing Cut prish world. Companies are beginning to realise that helping valued employees cope with

Very Fairly concerned

Having too little time with your family

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WFD, said: Those who are least likely to be satisfied with the current balance of their work and home life are also the ones who are most likely to be able to go and work for themselves or who could relatively easily find work with an employer who will be more sympathetic to their needs." She added: "Employees who

are under a lot of pressure are saying, 'No, this is not what I want, my life is not meant to be stressful all the time."

Not very R Not at all No

When you think about your job, how concerned are you about the following?

"Companies need to design

the way their employees work more flexibly. They need to look at the way they use information technology to see if it could be better used to free up people to concentrate on core tasks. Do they need to spend so much time in meetings? Are work flows organised so as to get tasks done as quickly as possible?" According to WFD, the seeds for the current discon-

tent among employees were sewn in the recession of the early 1990s, when many companies reduced staff levels. Remaining staff were placed under greater pressure to work harder and longer. Without society's traditional support structures, such as the extended family, many individuals were unable to cope.

Employers should provide their workforce with personal support, she suggested. In the United States, some employ-ers have provided telephone advice for employees on family problems. Employees who have used these services have saved, on average, 16 hours of work-time, Ms Bargh said.

The MORI survey, based on the responses of 780 full-time workers interviewed last month, shows that getting the balance between work and home life right is most important to well-paid employees aged under 35, working in the professions and for large companies. Concerns on the issue were least felt in the public sector and by those who were self-employed

"We will be seeing more ople setting up on their own if businesses can't make life



Trish Crofts and Graham Dodridge relaxing at home yesterday. "My hair is already going grey," she said

You have to sacrifice personal life'

By ALEXANDRA FREAN

TRISH CROFTS, a 26-year-old media buyer with the advertising agency Ogilvy and Mather, is typical of the young professionals who feel that their work is depriving them of a real life. She starts work at 9am but frequently does not leave her office until 8pm. Occasionally she is at work until 10pm.

"In my company when people leave, they are not replaced and everybody is expected to work extra hard," she said. Although Ms Crofts enjoys her work she feels "stressed all the time". She said: "My hair is already going grey." As Ms

Croft's boyfriend, Graham Dodridge, frequently does not arrive at their home in Wandsworth, south London, until late either, the couple often do not have their evening meal until after 10pm.

Ms Crofts would be prepared to accept a cut in pay if it would guarantee a genuine reduction in her workload, but she believes she would probably have to forgo chances of promotion if she did. You have to sacrifice your personal life if

you want career advancement," she said. Although he runs his own London advertising agency, Gyrographic Communications, and is his own boss, Mr Dodridge, says he feels unable to reduce

the work pressure on himself because he cannot afford to allow competitors to get

"All the time I think, is it all worth it? In work you get into such a frenzy that you think that the only solution would be to give it all up, to drive to the coast one day,

go away and never come back," he said. After working "flat out" for 12 years. Mr Dodridge, 32, says he may soon be looking for a change in the pace of his life, not least so the couple can start a family. "I don't want to be a traditional father who is never there for my children. I would want to have quality time with

Buddies just the ticket on the buses

YEARS after being axed as an economy measure, conductors are about to make a comeback on the buses. They have been renamed "bus buddies" with the express instruction to smile and be helpful

Bradford Traveller, which runs buses in the city, said reintroducing conductors, which were last seen more than a decade ago, will encourage more people to use the service. For a 12-week trial period, the "bus buddies" will be expected to help passengers with their shopping, keep buses clean, chat to passengers and stamp out unruly behaviour.

The company hopes the 16 newly-recruited "buddies" will prevent problems such as a ban by staff two years ago on going to the troubled Ravensliffe estate in the city after an attack on a driver.

Khadim Hussain, the company's traffic manager, said: "Some people thought it was wrong to take conductors off the buses, so we're going to give it a go and see if there's a

Mr Hussain added: "We want them to smile and have a chat with the passengers. If you have friendly staff welcoming passengers and smiling at them, it will make it a good day for them. It creates a friendly atmosphere.

We are optimistic that it will generate additional passengers and give our customers more security, particularly

Thirtysomething but job is making them feel old

AT 32, Sarah Foster, a systems Ms Foster, who lives in Richsupport manager for a man-mond, southwest London, agement consultancy, says she with her boyfriend Mike Rilworked every-weekend and typically she will be required-reduce the pressure on emto work 30 per cent more than her company's 9am to 5.30pm day. This summer she's having to spend three or four days every week abroad for her job. Unusually for a professional. she is paid overtime.

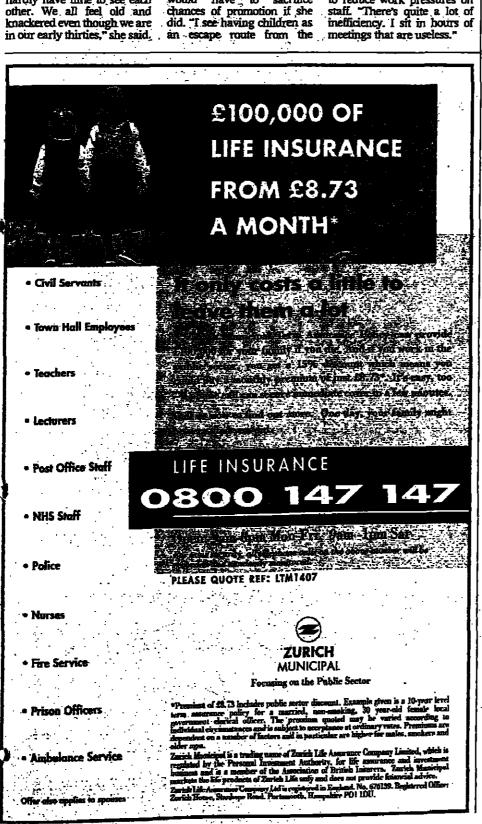
Everybody I know is cheesed off with their work. We all work so hard and we hardly have time to see each

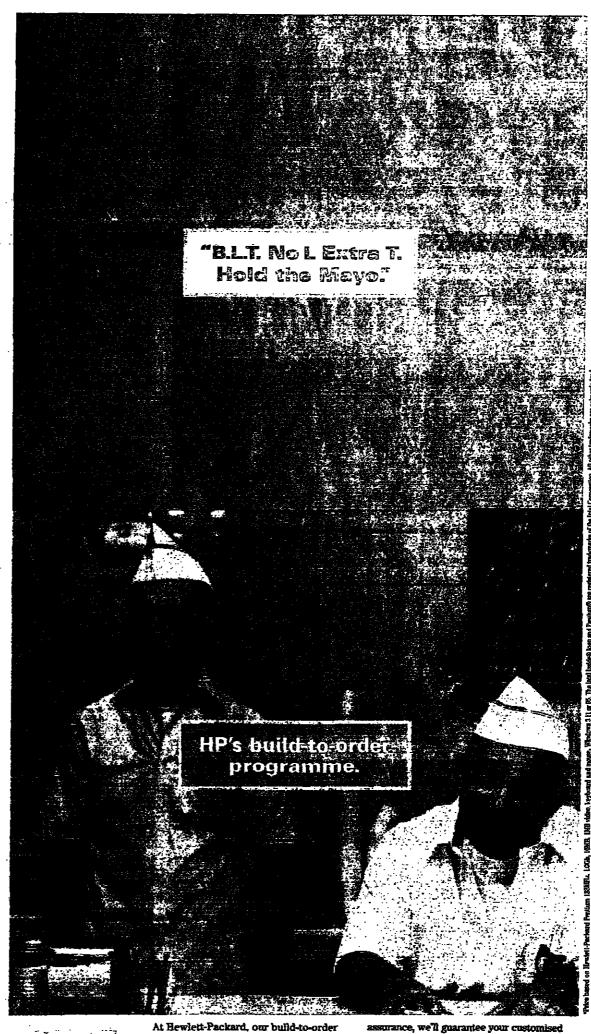
feels old. Last summer she ey, believes that companies such as hers could easily ployees by being more honest to clients. "We promise to do all sorts of things that we know we haven't got a hope in hell's chance of achieving. The company does it because other companies do it and competi-

tion is tough," she said.
Although she would like to start a family, she fears she would have to sacrifice

Mr Riley, 29, an informagovernment agency, works from 9am to 6.30pm on most days, although he often stays in the office until 9pm. He feels he is able to balance home and work life fairly well: "I would not move jobs, even if someone offered me another £5,000 a year, because I feel there is a price on quality of life," he said.

Mr Riley believes that there is a lot his employer could do to reduce work pressures on



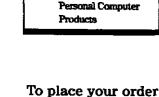


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TWO local authorities that paid Hamilton Bland for advice about building swimming pools are considering legal action after The Times's investigation showed he had been paid commission to help a particular engineering firm to

A dossier of letters from the BBC commentator over five years shows how he helped a Dutchman to win deals to install movable floors in new. pools throughout Britain, Mr Bland's reward was 5 per cent of the earnings.

Bank statements and cheque stubs prove that Mr Bland was being paid to help Han Polyfloor and its main rival.

Mooyer, whose Hertfordshire company, Poly-The investigation was floor, was one carried out by The Times of two leading and Granada TV's World of installing the new equipment.

Times spoke to Mr Bland on his mobile phone chose to install Mr Mooyer's and asked why he had been paid 5 per cent commission by Mr Mooyer's company. Mr Bland replied: "I think you've had all the information. This investigation has been going for ... months now ... you have been asked to speak to

my solicitors." Movable floors allow a pool to be deepened for competitive events and to be made shallower to cater for children and learners. Councils can effectively get two pools for the

price of one. In the letters, Mr Bland boasts to Mr Mooyer about his influence with decisionmakers in the swimming world, his knowledge of proposed pools, and how he can write into the specifications that a movable floor is

Mr Mooyer said he met the commentator in 1989 when Mr Bland, also facilities consultant of the Amateur Swimming Association, indicated that he would be prepared to act as an agent on commission. At the time Mr Mooyer, who is disabled by arthritis and frequently confined to a wheelchair, was experiencing the difficulties of recession.

Mr Mooyer said: "Mr Bland had become the gatekeeper to the pool industry. His BBC job gave him prestige and the ASA facilities position opened every town hall door.

We met at a hotel in March 1989 and Mr Bland said he had two jobs lined up for me. one in Aberdeen and the other at Hucknall, Nottinghamshire. I could have those jobs in return for 5 per cent commissions."

In early 1990, plans were under way to build the Westhill pool in Aberdeen. Mr Bland wrote to Mr Mooyer: "Good news . . . I did persuade them to include a movable floor." Mr Bland then wrote a confidential letter to Gordon District Council, which was building the Aberdeen pool. comparing the merits of

Polymarin. He listed seven good points about Polyfloor in Action. Its programme Winning the Pools is and six bad Polymarin.

Cordon council product and Mr Bland earned himself £7,515.95. As a Scottish authority, Gordon council did not come

under the auspices of the ASA but Mr Bland was working as its private consultant. Alan Grant, an area manag er for Aberdeenshire council, which superseded Gordon in the local government reorg-anisation, said after hearing of

The Times's investigation that the authority was considering its legal options. In January 1991, Mr Bland wrote to Mr Mooyer: "I am enclosing a copy of the rele-vant section of my design brief for the Hucknall pool which gives your full company de-

Seven months later. Mr

Bland sent Mr Mooyer an

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services at Ashfield council, which commissioned the Hucknall pool, said that it was very concerned about the relationship between Mr Bland. its consultant, and the supplier, Mr Mooyer. It is seeking legal advice. May II, 1989: Mr Bland

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writes to Mr Mooyer confirming their understanding that would provide introductions for 15 pool projects. "I think we should agree that I will be paid a minimum of 5 per cent of any of these successful projects . . .

May 25, 1989: Mr Bland describes two officials of a London pool considering the installation of a movable floor

Letters from Bland about council contracts

I have come to the conclusion that you need help on the sales side

and that I can provide such help. Obviously, it is best provided in

an 'independent' way. I would like to propose that I work with you

I think we should agree that I will be paid a minimum of 5 per

as "both close friends of mine. I do feel that I am in a position to have an enormous influence on the success or otherwise of this project. Perhaps ... you could advise me of what sort of commission you feel would be appropriate under these

ircumstances". March 13, 1990: Mr Bland writes that he is representing the Irish Government which is creating a National Sports Centre in Dublin. "Obviously, you know that I will try to write Polyfloor into the final specifications."

March 15, 1990: Mr Bland writes: "The new National Sports Centre for Ireland is

exposure ..."

December 8, 1990: Mr Bland writes to a leisure centre manager in Berkshire: "The Amateur Swimming Association would strongly suggest the inclusion of a movable floor in the pool so as to cater for competitive swimming. synchronised swimming, water polo but, most importantly, the disabled and the teaching of swimming."

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push Mr Mooyer's case.

December 17, 1990: Mr Bland writes telling Mr Mooyer that the Sports Council will complete a formal study on all types of movable floors. "I am very involved. Our interests will be well protected!" He says he will make sure that floors are included in pools being built in Sligo and Cork, where he is

advising the Irish Government. In Jersey, "Regent Ti-gers ASC and St Michael's School are to build a £1.3 million pool. I am consultant. It will have a floor!"

applicants for National Lottery

cash for pools

July 22, 1993: Mr Bland writes to Mr Mooyer: ... the ongoing support and influence that I exert with architects and others ... is enormous". By then the business relationship

was deteriorating.
October 5, 1994: Mr Bland's solicitors, Blythe Liggins, write to Mr Mooyer demanding payment. "It appears to us that our client is entitled to commission from you at the rate of 5 per cent on all UK and Ireland projects."

October 31, 1994: Blythe Liggins write to Mr Mooyer: We are instructed by our client that the Clickimin and Birkenhead projects are now complete at £225,000 and £120,000 respectively.
"Our client is entitled to 5

per cent commission, making a total of £17,250, and unless we hear from you with a cheque by no later than November 10, 1995, proceedings will be taken without further notice." Mr Mooyer declined to pay and has yet to be sued. He had paid Mr Bland a total of almost E30,000.

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Sports Council warned ASA about conflict of interest

LOTTERY FUNDING

THE Sports Council warned the Amateur Swimming Association about Mr Bland's possible conflict of interests two years ago. according to secret minutes, but the ASA still renewed his contract as facilities consultant".

in his official part-time role, Mr Bland provides ASA advice to the Sports Council when it decides which swimming projects should benefit from the National Lottery.

As a private consultant, he is paid to advise applicants who are bidding for lottery cash to build new pools. These include fees only payable if the grant is awarded. The perceived conflict of interest is most striking in

Coventry, where he stands to earn a large fee if the independent schools he is privately advising are awarded lottery funds. At the same time, through the ASA, he is providing advice for Coventry City Council's own swimming pool bid. Mr Bland, in his guise as

private consultant, has already sent an invoice for £16,056.01 to the Coventry Schools Foundation of independent schools for preparing and submitting its lottery bid. This was approved for payment by a

governor in January 1996. Mr Bland's additional fee would be 25 per cent of construction costs. At the original price of £2.5 million, that would have earned him £62,500. But with the current estimate of £4 million, he would get £100,000 if the same rate was maintained. The bid has been delayed by a Charity Commission investigation into a separate, unrelated issue. The deputy leader of Coventry City Council, Arthur Waugh, has called for an investigation into whether

there is a conflict of interest.

Mr Bland is also advising

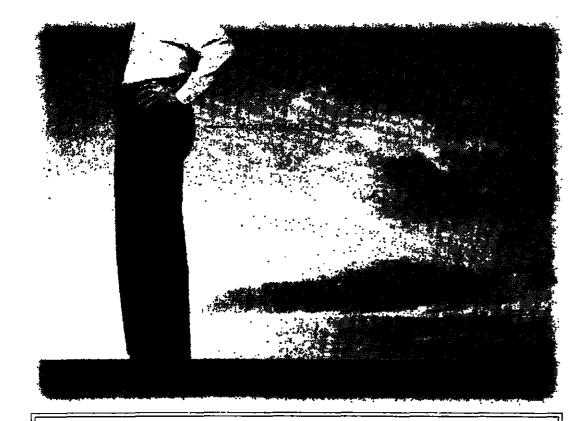
the Perse School in Cambridge on a £3.6 million lottery bid. "There is a performance element in our arrangement," Nigel Richardson, the headmaster, said. Mr Bland's lawyers, Olswang, confirm that in Cambridge he is paid a submission fee for work prior to lottery funding being granted, and "a success fee covering the work which is carried out

subsequently". Nationally, Mr Bland has helped prepare drafts of the ASA's strategy for the distribution of 50 metre and 25 metre competition pools, to be built with the aid of

lottery grants. In July 1995, David Sparkes, chief executive of the ASA, met Mr Bland to discuss "the Sports Council's expressed concern that the ASA facilities consultant was also an independent facilities consultant and could therefore be perceived to have a conflict of interest". Mr Bland said he would be happy to agree to advise Mr Sparkes confidentially about any private contracts so the chief executive could judge whether another facilities consultant should represent the ASA.

The meeting recommended negotiating a new twoyear arrangement with Mr Bland rather than advertise for a full-time consultant. which would have been

more costly.
The English Sports Councii, which has replaced the Sports Council, remains unhappy with Mr Bland dividing his time between official duties and private consultancy work. It wants the ASA to appoint a dedicated swimming pools chief. "We believe there is a conflict between his role as a facilities adviser to the ASA and any work which be under-



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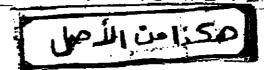
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From shopkeeper's son to a squire

Lure of making a million drove Bland's career

LIFESTYLE

HAMILTON BLAND, 54, the business interests. On his last son of a second-hand shopkeeper from Bolton, lives like a squire of the manor in a secluded mansion in Warwickshire, lovingly tending his collection of classic cars. His Aston Martin has the numberplate SWW1M

Nicky, his second wife, a former schoolteacher and swimming baths attendant in Coventry, acts as hostess at his parties in the 16-bedroom Honiley Hall, a mock-Elizabethan house built at the turn of the century.

Mr Bland's sumptuous lifestyle is all the more surprising since only ten years ago he lost his home when

his former busi-6 I saw ness, Hamilton Bland plc, went into voluntary others liquidation, owing £600,000 to making lots 200 creditors. Mr of money. I Bland is remembered from his thought, grammar school days by a school-Why not friend, who said: "He was always me? 9 good fun, the joker of the pack

and a very bright lad. He had a broad Lancashire accent but lost that when he went to Loughborough." Young Mr Bland became Northern Counties freestyle champion. After studying at Loughborough, the sporting college, he was employed as a master at Rugby School. In

1968 the Amateur Swimming Association appointed Mr Bland technical officer, and a year later he won a Churchill scholarship to study American coaching methods. He coached swimmers at the Mexico and Munich Olympics, then became Coventry's director of swimming. By then he had married Hazel,

a swimming teacher from Bolton, who bore him a daughter. In 1974 he began his work providing swimming commentaries for the BBC.

day in the city he told the local paper. I have this disease called ambition - I'm driven by it ... I think I have the ability and the opportunity to make a million."

Explaining why he needed a red Ferrari with a personalised number plate HEB 3 (his middle name is Edwin), he explained: "I like to look good, feel good. Even being seen in a quality car -- it's part of the image."

Mr Bland moved to an eight-bedroom mansion set in six acres of the village of Leek Wootton in Warwickshire, complete with stables, staff

cottage, orangery and 60ft pool with whirlpool bath and sauna. He named the pool the Interna-tional Swimming Pool Equipment Exhibition Centre and every fortnight hosted a seminar for council purchasing officers. Visitors were treated

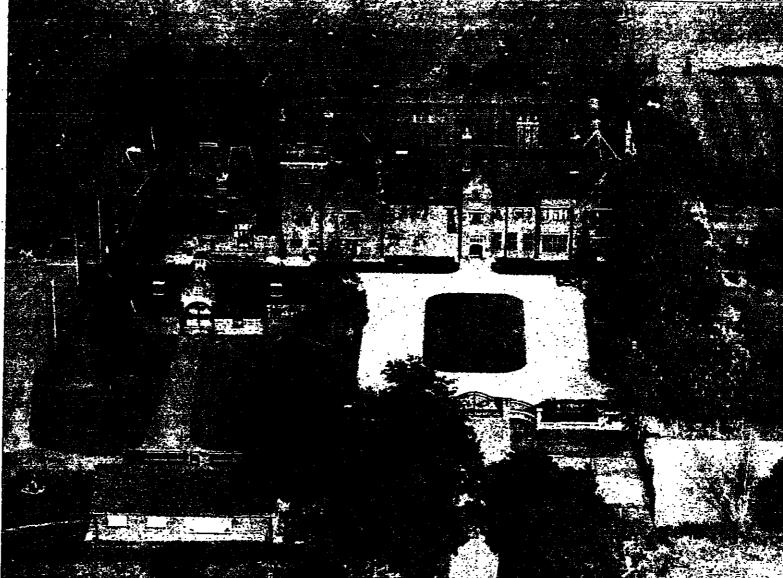
to lavish lunches

while they admired the £8,000 Italian marble statuary. Around the pool were 20 exhibition booths for companies manufacturing swimming-pool equipment. Mr Bland launched his own range of products including goggles, caps and shampoo. The final touch: a "Hamilton Bland International Clock" for your changing room wall.

At 39, he estimated his assets were worth more than El million. Soon he had a helicopter, and a Rolls-Royce Corniche, numberplate OSG1 "life is Oh So Good" he would explain).

Mr Bland launched a Business Expansion Scheme but it failed and in 1987 the liquidators arrived. He became an adviser to

FaulknerBrowns, leisure ar-In 1979 Mr Bland stopped chitects, from 1987 to 1995, is undisclosed but was a people making lots of mor coaching to concentrate on his earning £7,000 as an ad hoc percentage of the £50 million thought, "Why not me?"



Honiley Hall, Hamilton Bland's mansion in Warwickshire. He bought it in a state of disrepair from the council for more than £500,000



Bland's 'unregistered' coat of arms and motto

consultant whom members of staff could ring for technical information.

In 1988, he became facilities consultant to the ASA. He was also hired by FaulknerBrowns to advise on the design of the Ponds Forge pool complex in Sheffield, built for the 1991 World Student Games. His fee

bill. FaulknerBrowns has confirmed.

After a divorce, he married Nicky, with whom he has had three sons. The family moved into Honiley Hall, bought in a state of disrepair from Warwickshire County Council for more than £500,000. It has been extensively refurbished. At the entrance to the driveway are sign boards displaying a coat of arms with the motto Labor Amor Felicitas. The College of Arms has no registration of a design for Mr Bland. He has an air-conditioned, floodlit garage for his rare cars, including a bullnose Morris and a Rolls-Royce, registration ULDI. As Mr Bland said after making his first million: "I saw other



One of Mr Bland's rare cars, which is kept in a floodlit, air-conditioned garage

How the public's money is spent

By POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE money allocated to good causes from National Lottery proceeds is distributed by five bodies: the Millennium Commission, the National Lottery Fund (formerly the National Heritage Memorial Fund), the National Lottery Charities Board, the Arts Council and the Sports Council. Each receives one fifth of the amount that is available.

Ultimately, it is the Department of National Heritage that answers to Parliament on the way lottery cash is spent, and its ministers must be satisfied that the five distributors are acting properly.

But a spokesman for the department said vesterday that there were now so many thousands of grants made from National Lottery proceeds that officials at the department would not follow the progress of a project closely "unless it had been drawn to our attention".

He said the distributors' procedures for ensuring that money was spent properly were subject to scrutiny by the National Audit Office and the Public Accounts Committee like those of any other public body.

There were additional safeguards to ensure that grants were spent on the work for which they had originally been awarded.

"No money is paid out until an invoice has been received. For example, the Royal Opera House has got £78 million, but no money actually changes hands until the first bill comes in, which presumably would be the architect's.

"The money never leaves the Treasury until

Secrecy over payments from scheme with £1.65m turnover

THE swimming badge scheme, run for 32 years by the highly respected Lily Cook from her kitchen table in Essex, has become an even Karen Pickering, former bigger moneyspinner for the Amateur Swimming Association since Mr: Bland took it

It now has a turnover of at least £1.65 million a year, of which a net figure of £779,000 goes to the ASA, providing the largest part of the governing body's income.

But Mr Bland's own payment for revamping the awards, now sponsored by Kellogg's with Tony the Tiger as mascot, is a private aramong them Alan Clarkson, the ASA's treasurer, and David Sparkes, its chief

While the main terms of the promotion agreement between Mr Bland and the ASA were reported to the ruling committee in 1995, the committee then seems to have taken the unusual decision to deny itself updates, resolving that "in order not to compromise any contractual agreement the total of £2.027,000 since Mr committee had unanimously Bland took over the awards, agreed to seek no further

SALES OF CHILDREN'S BADGE

information on the contract". world freestyle champion, said: "They can sit at home and not worry about where the money might be going while others, like so many swimmers are worrying about where their next penny

can say they don't want to know details of a contract. If they are not interested, if it's too much trouble, then get out

Mrs Cook, who distributed 15 million badges to genera-tions of children, did more than anyone to put the ASA on a sound financial footing. She and her husband used to write certificates in longhand and called on a band of eager girl helpers to stuff envelopes at peak times. Six years ago, she was replaced by Mr Bland.

The price of each badge was increased from 60p to 90p and then again to £1.10. Income to the ASA has increased by a total of £2,027,000 since Mr although the governing body



still gets only 47p out of every £1, leading to speculation about how much the promoter receives every time a child learns to swim an extra length

He has a ten-year deal and has increased sales from £1.38 million in Mrs Cook's last year to £1.6 million now. Three years ago, the ASA put Mr Bland in charge of

promoting a new business, SwimGB, which sells official swimming hats and goggles by mail order. He gets 25 per cent of profits or losses. In the past two years, during the start-up period, the company made losses, and Mr Bland has paid his share. The last

counts showed a trading profit for the first time.

Unlike Mrs Cook, who ran her business from home, Mr Bland has the use of two workshop units in Redditch, bought with part of a £361,000 interest-free loan by the ASA to its subsidiary, ASA Enterprises. The unit, which is now home to the badge scheme. was transferred from Mr Bland to the ASA.

The National Audit Office, in a confidential report checkwhether the ASA's £150,000-a-year Sports Council grant was being properly spent, expressed serious concern that the ASA's external auditors had been unable to find enough financial information to tell whether the loan was fully recoverable.

Referring to the £361,000 loan, Ms Pickering said: "Well, there are better places our money could be going to. Isn't it just completely the case that the last people to count are the swimmers? Some of our coaches will be paying for their own hotel bills at the European Championships. We are always the last to be considered."

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Toxic chemical removed from Lords archives

Dalya Alberge reviews a three-year operation to clean historic documents

of a cancer-causing preservative

ART restorers have removed a cancer-causing chemical from more than 27,500 original Acts of Parliament in a secret three-year operation.

Staff from Plowden & Smith had to wear masks, gloves and overalls to handle 18,000 contaminated parchment rolls more than 320 miles long if laid out - and dating to 1497. Henry VII's reign, held in the House of Lords Record Office.

While they removed the fungicide Santobrite by aiming jets of compressed air at the parchment surface, an independent health and safety laboratory monitored conditions and a specialist contractor collected waste stored in special sealed bags within metal drums.

Santobrite, which can be



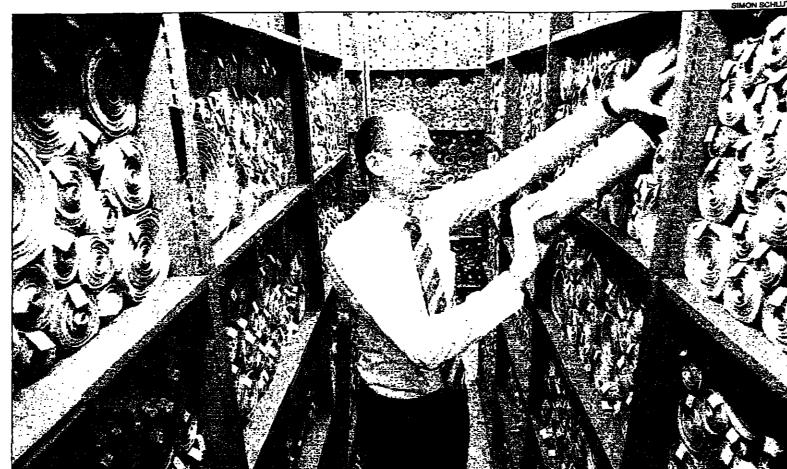
Handle with care: an oath of allegiance to the Church signed in 1641 absorbed through the skin, had threatened the health of staff and visitors since it was applied in the late 1940s. But it was not until two years ago that its use was banned, and Plowden & Smith — whose clients include English Heritage and whose team of 35 conservators specialise in all types of materials from furniture to stonework - were brought in. The £050,000 cost of the operation was funded by the Treasury.

Keeping the project secret was necessary for security reasons. Kevin Smith, an associate director of the company. explained that every precaution was taken to guard the documents. The 1689 Bill of Rights, the 1701 Act of Settlement, the 1707 Act of Union are in an archive that includes every Act since 1497, when a clerk at Westminster started collecting them.

Mr Smith said there had been fears of a terrorist group seizing and holding to ransom such documents. "It would have been a great coup for an organisation to have grabbed hold of them." he said.

Transport to the restorers' workshop in Wandsworth involved armoured vehicles. The parchment rolls were protected within a watertight, fireproof, high-security steel box.

Plowden & Smith were commissioned to remove tissue that had been interleaved into the parchment. It had been impregnated with Santobrite the trade name for sodium



Robert Harrison, an achives officer, sorts through the papers. Among those stored are the 1701 Act of Settlement and the 1707 Act of Union

Pentachlorophene (PCP) — to guard against mould discovered in the Victoria Tower of the Palace of Westminster. where the archive is stored. "At the time", Mr Smith said.

"it was the greatest thing to save everyone's urchives." The measure was discontinued in the mid-1950s when air condianalyses revealed that appreciable amounts of the chemi-Some had migrated into the

Some 1,500 people ask to view the Acts each year. Gloves which they were asked to wear not only protected the parchment against handling tioning was introduced, Mr but against contact with the Smith said: "Scientific chemical, He added: "The risk

to a member of the public was small. The risk to their own staff was large. They were also doing their own research work. People were not asking to see them all the time. For ourselves, the risk was even more. We were dealing with them 40 hours a week, 52

weeks a year. Health and safety were paramount."

He added that everyone at

Plowden was offered a urine test which could detect whether the body had digested anything: "Touch wood, everything was clear."

Plowden & Smith specially designed and built machinery to cope with the mammoth task, removing the tissue and air-brushing the dust from the parchment within a vacuum. Regular air and surface swab

analysis was carried out by an independent health and safety laboratory. Minor conservation work was also carried out. with tears patched and stitching renewed.

Mr Smith observed that as Santobrite was used extensively in the 1940s, "there may well be other archives out there which will need to address the

The second secon Ban on smoking in public debated by ministers

By POLLY NEWTON

A BAN on smoking in public places and an increase in the minimum age for buying cigarettes are among measures to be discussed by government ministers today at an antismoking seminar in London.

The meeting, organised by the Department of Health, will be attended by representatives from sport, business, the arts and advertising. Tobacco makers were not invited.

Speakers will include Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary. and Tessa Jowell, Minister for Public Health, who will emphasise the Government's determination to reduce smoking, particularly among child-

ren and teenagers.
As a backbencher in 1994, Ms Jowell introduced an unsuccessful Bill that proposed an American-style ban on smoking in public places. It is thought that the Government would prefer voluntary agreements with the leisure and entertainment industry rather than legislation.

Ms Jowell said yesterday that the Government would ban smoking in public places only as a last resort. "We will only legislate where it is absolutely clear that measures to protect the health of young people cannot be achieved in other ways."

A source close to one of the ministers involved said yesterday that the seminar had been arranged to produce an exchange of ideas, "not for fixed policy to be determined".

It is understood, however, that ministers will give "serious consideration" over the next few months to raising the minimum for buying cigarettes from 16 to 18. Tougher penalties for shopkeepers who sell to under-age customers and more rigorous enforcement of the existing laws are also on the agenda.

The measures could form part of the White Paper on smoking reduction to be published in the autumn. The paper will set out plans for a oan on tobacco advertising and sponsorship, with legislation to follow next year.

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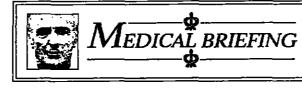
Competitive edge that can drive girls to eating disorders Wales in Bangor has shown that

cases of anorexia nervosa among the 500 to 600 girls at Millfield School in Somerset should not, by themselves, cause surprise as the incidence is in line with recent the condition's

frequency.
Millfield is one of Britain's most expensive schools and since anorexja nervosa characteristically, but not exclusively, attacks white teenage females of middle and upper class origins with an above average intelligence, a school of this type provides the ideal environment for it to develop. Most pupils come from a rich background but an

REPORTS that there are five or six unusually high proportion are on scholarships, having shown either exceptional academic or athletic ability. Those from less affluent homes may, therefore, have an unusually competitive nature which is frequently associated with eating disorders.

Although the condition now known as anorexia was first described in 1676, and was labelled anorexia nervosa over 100 years ago, its causes are still unproven. The condition results in the patient having a terror of becoming fat coupled with an inability to see themselves as they truly are. They visualise themselves as being obese



when in fact they are thin. In order to achieve weight goals which are as unrealistic as they are undesirable, anorexies starve themselves, take laxatives and diureties and become involved in fanatical exer-

People with bulimia also vomit after eating, particularly if they have been bingeing. The report

from Millfield that there is an increase in bulimia nervosa as well as anorexia is perhaps more disturbing. Although both conditions are thought to be disorders associated with clinical depression, bulimia is also frequently linked to more serious, and even anti-social. personality disorders.

Research at the Univesity of

from anorexia. If pigs. sheep or goats are stressed they can become anorexic, a phenomenon which has promted the researchers to suggest that the condition may be genetically inherited. There is also the suggestion that it may be linked to levels of the neuro-transmitter serotonin, which helps to determine mood. Gamekeepers have long known

many other mammals can suffer

that if they demand too much from a highly strung dog during training it frequently reacts by exhibiting extreme food refusal. A person's vulnerability to stress is likely to be

caused by a combination of their genes and the environment in which they live. Children of the successful must

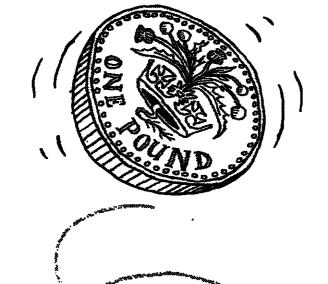
be given every opportunity to excel but parents and teachers, unlike the dog trainer, can never afford to make their acceptance and love dependant on appearance and performance. Changing the child's environment, and diminshing expectations, may prove an easier way of preventing anorexia than altering gene patterns.

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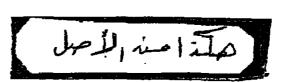
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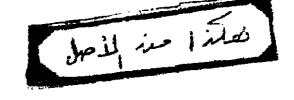
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Eta murder triggers mass protests

Rubber bullets fired to stop street clashes as emotional outcry against terror erupts

By GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Basque separatist group; Eta, became the target of nationwide rage and revulsion yesterday following the mur-der of a young hostage. The news led to protests through-out Spain and led to bloody clashes between outraged demonstrators and Eta

supporters. Trade unions have called on workers throughout Spain to minutes of silence today in

"After this murder, Eta is more isolated than ever." Basque political leaders said in a statement. "If they were not loved yesterday, they are

despised today."

The Pope denounced the killing as an "act of blood" and a "barbaric murder". France, which has a large Basque community, called it "coward-ly". Britain condemned "this brutal killing" and promised full support to Spain in its fight against terrorism.

Miguel Angel Blanco, 29, a Basque town councillor, was shot twice in the head and dumped in a country lane on-Saturday afternoon at the end of two days of captivity. He died in hospital yesterday

Basque politicians yesterday halted their attempts to arrange talks between the Government and Eta. They said the killing confirmed that hardliners now controlled both Eta and its legal political ally, Herri Batasuna. "Eta has : dealt a mortal blow to our desire for dialogue," said the regional Prime Minister, José Antonio Ardanza, of the moderate Basque Nationalist

Eta had kidnapped Blanco on Thursday and threatened to kill him if the Government.

Cook: faces Russian ire

on wide range of issues



Hundreds gather in front of Seville's city hall to protest at the terrorist murder of 29-year-old Miguel Blanco, who was kidnapped by Eta on Thursday and shot shortly after a deadline expired on Saturday afternoon

did not move 500 Eta prisoners to jails in the Basque country within 48 hours. The Popular Party described the demands as "impossible".

The separatist group ig-nored the pleas of half a million people who gathered in Bilbao, northern Spain, on Saturday to beg for Senor Blanco's life.

Soon after the deadline ran out he was found by hunters near San Sebastián, northern Spain, with his hands bound together and two bullets lodged in his brain. Doctors said nothing could be done to save his life.

The Government yesterday blamed the killing on Herri Batasuna — the radical political party which would repre-sent Eta at peace talks. "Herri Batasuna is an accomplice to this murder." Javier Mayor Oreia, the Interior Minister,

The Government called for

calm yesterday, but there were angry reactions across Spain. In the northern city of Pampiona, where the San Fermin bull run was cancelled yesterday, several dozen protesters clashed with support-

ers of Eta. Police used teargas and fired rubber bullets to end the clashes which occurred outside the offices of Herri Batasuna. Eighteen people were treated for light injuries in hospitals in the city

Minister, José María Aznar. had led some half a million people on Saturday demanding Blanco's release, local police managed to prevent the crowd from lynching three youths who mocked pacifists staging a vigil

Some 2,000 people, shouting "murderers", threw eggs at the San Sebastian office of Eta's political wing.

Police said some 100,000 people had gathered in Zaragoza and 50,000 in Madrid. with other protests in Barcelona, Burgos, Seville, Valencia. Valladolid and Santa Cruz in the Canary Islands. In Blanco's home village of

Ermua, protesters set fire to the offices of Herri Batasuna.

The council has declared three days of mourning and called on all Spanish people to pin black ribbons to their windows in his memory.

Newspapers rounded on Eta, which has stepped up its 30-year campaign for independence this year with ten killings in six months. "Sons of bitches" was the headline in Diario 16 soon after Blanco's death was announced. "Two respected El Mundo declared; the paper also published photographs of the 21 leaders of Herri Batasuna with a caption them for

Leading article, page 21



An Eta supporter, smeared in his own blood, taunts anti-terrorism protesters during Pamplona's clashes

In Bilbao, where the Prime Cook to get taste of tough diplomacy on Moscow visit

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, could have his diplomatic skills tested to the full today when he begins a two-day visit to Moscow, amid growing Russian displeasure on key issues ranging from Bosnia to "mad cow" disease.

Mr Cook, who arrived late last night in the Russian capital, said before his visit that he was determined to boost Anglo-Russian trade and strengthen bilateral co-opera-

Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, is expected to raise today. Last week the Russians reacted with anger after British troops killed

a suspected Bosnian Serb war criminal and arrested another in a Natoled operation. Moscow said the move threatened the Dayton peace accords and hinted that they could reconsider the future of their peacekeeping contingent if further "cowboy actions take place.

tion. However, even before his plane The Russians are also likely to British beef because it believed the drugs. Last month a customs officer touched down, he faced a host of repeat their objections to Nato's meat had come from Belgium. Also, was posted to Moscow under a new pressing problems which Yevgeni expansion into Eastern Europe and the Russians are expected in the in particular to warn against any moves that could lead to the Baltic States joining the alliance. Yesterday President Yeltsin reiterated his opposition to allowing Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia into Nato.

As far as Britain is concerned, the Russians may raise two sensitive issues with Mr Cook. First, is the ildisguised anger felt in the Kremlin when it was discovered that Russia had imported 730 tonnes of banned

coming days to begin the trial of Platon Obukhov, the former Russian diplomat and alleged British spy, whose arrest last year led to a bitter round of tit-for-tat expulsions

between London and Moscow. Nevertheless, Mr Cook said before his departure. "I want to put Russia at the top of the British agenda."

The British are particularly eager to press forward with co-operation on fighting terrorism, crime and

Russian law enforcement agencies will share intelligence and co-ordinate investigations.

☐ St Petersburg: Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, left Russia yesterday saying she had had "wonderful" talks with Mr Primakov, but the two remain far apart on some issues. They agreed to extend talks on revising a European arms control pact but clashed over Bosnia and the Baltic states. (Reuter)

French return painting seized by **Nazis**

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A CUBIST masterpiece has been returned to its rightful owner by the French Government, 57 years after it was looted from a Jewish art collector by the Nazis.

Landscape of Meudon, by the French artist Albert Gleizes, was one of 900 works displayed by French museums last April to deflect criticism that not enough had been done to find the owners of

The painting, dated 1911, is the first object to be returned from the National Museum of Recuperation, a collection of about 2,000 works stolen by the Nazis and never reclaimed after being returned to postwar France.

The abstract landscape was the property of Alphonse Kann, a Jewish collector thought to have been one of the models for Charles Swann in Proust's novel A La Recherche Du Temps Perdu.

Kann was in England when the Nazis marched into Paris. Like other Jewish property. his collection, including 1,200 paintings and works by Picasso and Cézanne, was stolen and dispersed by the Nazis. Many of the works were later restored to the Kann family, but some had apparently vanished forever.

At the weekend the painting by Gleizes, worth at least £600,000, was quietly removed from the Pompidou Centre art gallery and returned to Kann's great-nephew, François Warin.

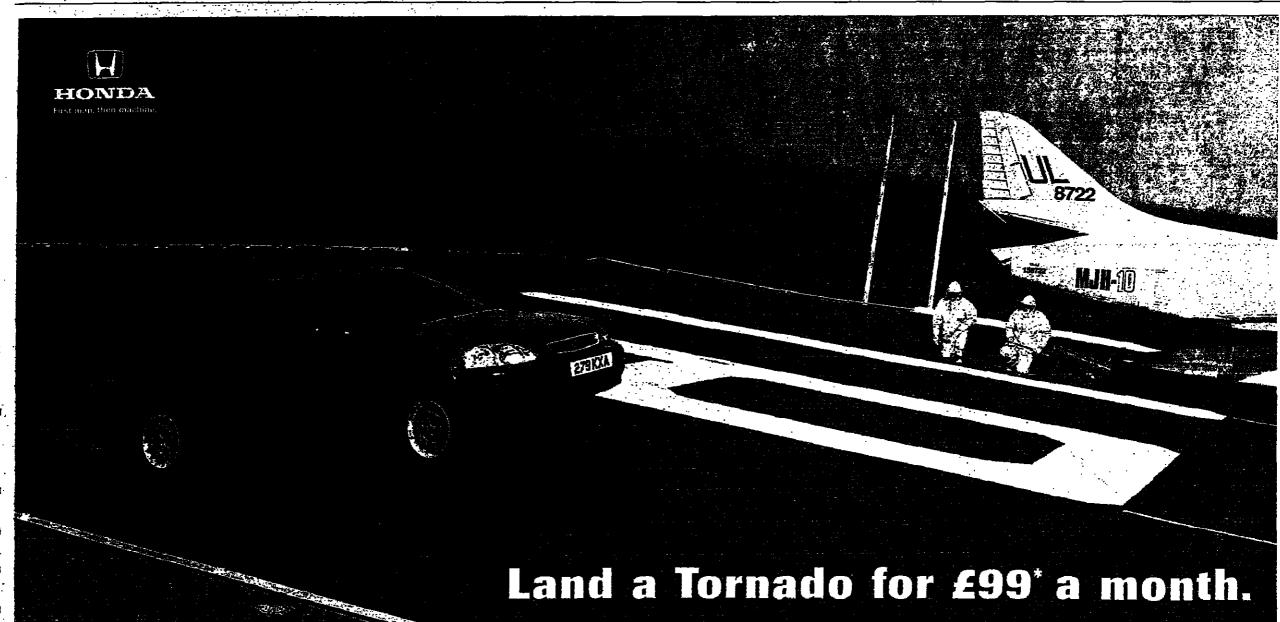
There has been no official announcement of the painting's return and M Warin said the lack of fanfare reflected 'embarrassment" on the part of French state museums.

The Gleizes was traced by Hector Feliciano, an American journalist, who has repeatedly accused the French authorities of failing in their duty to find the owners of looted Jewish property. He has also traced a Picasso belonging to Kann, but this has yet to be returned from a Rennes museum.

i ne Nazis disdained Cubisi and Impressionist art as "degenerate", but they were prepared to sell or barter such works for art more to the official taste.

The Gleizes landscape appeared on lists compiled by the Nazi group overseeing art "confiscation" in France, and

on another catalogue housed in the French Foreign Ministry - of paintings recovered after the war and returned to France, Kann's heirs were well known in Paris, and returning the painting to them should have been elementary, according to Feliciano.



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Leadership lacking in Europe's new disorder of EMU 'ins' and 'outs'

Summit sessions, especially those involving France, Germany and America, are ending up as chaotic affairs. Scripts worked out over months by "sherpas" are being ripped up and each meeting - the Franco-German talks at Poitiers, say, or the Amsterdam summit or Madrid - begins with a row. Perhaps this is preferable to the sleepy summits of yesteryear or the orchestral arrangement of Cold War superpower

meetings.
It plainly marks a change: not since the days of Margaret Thatcher have European



edge. There are three possible explanations. The first is that sherpas can no longer assess the room for manoeuvre of

their bosses. This applies to

Germany where Joachim Bitterlich, the foreign policy supremo of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, seems to be in a state of permanent confusion.

Gone are the days when the Chancellor could be presented with short shooting scripts that, with a bit of late-night tailoring, became the core of a final declaration. The Chan-cellor himself is less able to grasp detail and spot apertures of possible understanding. The Chancellor's hand is being forced by his Bavarian allies and by the other coalition partner, the Free Democrats. He can no longer buy his way out of a deadlock. Co-

habiting France similarly

thwarts its sherpas. Yet expec-tations from the global leaders have never been higher. Before Madrid, the Americans asked Herr Kohl to bring the French round to accepting three rather than five Nato members, as if this

were a matter of corralling

some loose cattle.

err Bitterlich duly sent draft texts across the Rhine and the Atlantic but failed to seal the deal before Madrid. This suggests a second reason for the New Disorder. that Paris, Bonn and Washington are drifting apart in some fundamental way. The disagreements between Paris and Bonn are legion. The balance in the axis changed after unification: Germany became bigger and less de-pendent. For the past five years formal Franco-German relations have tried to camouflage the shift in power. The euro was supposed to fix the friendship but merely lays bare the great gulf — the German fear of inflation ver-

sus the French fear of

deflation. Washington meanwhile finds it increasingly difficult to handle either of these European powers. Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, complains of American hegemony and postures boldly. Herr Kohl, unable to be Herr Europe, the single voice that America craves, has become less interesting. Common ground is being eaten away, lapped up by the Atlantic ties.

The third possibility is that there are too many summits with too little substance. Western leaders are thus too often being exposed to each other's cliches.

Arguments fill the vacuum: The effect is rather like that of a married couple who having survived happily over the years cannot cope with the constant togetherness of

ummits are essential in time of reconstruction or boundary change, or to find a common approach a substitute for leadership.

Various Franco-German talkshops have highlighted the issue. There is no longer a consensus between the two countries about the final destination of European Integra-tion. It is often said that the German Chancellor wants European integration to be his last historical achievement. He has retreated step by step from this ambition because without closer definition it has become meaningless. This is a failure of

leadership. Summits. bilateral and multinational, are starting to underline this failure, to provoke rather than solve crises.

The question of leadership and of authority has become important because the era of "ins" and "outs" has begun. The first also-rans - Romania and Slovenia - have just been announced. Soon the "outs" of the economic and monetary union will have to be selected. The continent is about to be divided into different leagues. To do so, to make the division convincing and acceptable, requires persuasive leadership.

Serbs salute war crimes suspect at state funeral

FROM TOM WALKER IN BANJA LUKA

THE Bosnian Serb war ing of an alleged monster has his uncle were pinned to the crimes suspect killed by the been turned on its head, ground by their lakeside crimes suspect killed by the SAS was given a state funeral yesterday, a newfound martyr whose violent end at the hand of "international occupiers" has given a timely boost to the hardliners rallying behind The Hague's most wanted suspect, Radovan Karadzic. A crowd of about 3,000, half

of them policemen like Simo Drljaca, packed into the cemetery of St Pantelija here to pay their respects to the man whose alleged involvement in the death of up to 5.000 Muslims in the Bosnian war's most notorious concentration camp has been brushed aside by virulent state propaganda. A three-gun salute was fired

by police in riot gear. Mourners carried placards of Dr Karadzic and slogans such as "fighting against foreigners is our holy human duty". The ceremony was covered live on state television and the church establishment turned out in all

A story depicted in the

uniting the Bosnian Serb extremists just as the moderate voice of Biljana Playsic, the president of Republika Srpska, was beginning to gain some ground. Mrs Playsic has had to backtrack in her fight against the corruption of the Karadzic clique, denouncing the SAS snatch operation in a weekend press release.

Amid this communal anger Nato and the West, Stabilisation Force helicopters kept a discreet distance from the cemetery and British troops stayed off the city's streets. Some senior officers at the nearby Mirkonic Grad base of the Royal Hussars have complained they were given no warning of the SAS mission, and have admitted it was badly timed.

Drljaca's weeping widow was supported by his 17-year-old son, Sinisa, who gave state radio an account of his own arrest by the SAS, fuelling the fires of Serb resentment.

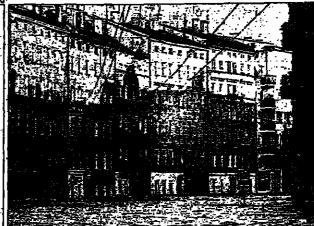
gled with other SAS commandos who had sprung from bushes. They were swearing at me, calling me a monkey and an idiot," he said. "A black guy pushed my face into the ground. I heard the sceams of my father and two shots...they took him by the legs and arms and threw him in one of the helicopters. My hands were bound so tightly I

lost all feeling in them."
Sinisa Drijaca said the helicopters landed them on a mountain where the SAS commander congatulated his troops. He and his uncle were shown papers accusing them of being war criminals, and said guns had been pressed to his head.

☐ Washington: President Clinton, in his most direct remarks about future involvement in Bosnia, has kept open the possibility that American troops could stay on after their Nato peacekeeping mission



A policeman rescues a six-month-old baby in the worst-affected part of Wroclaw



Traugutta Street in Wroclaw after torrential rains

Flooded Polish city fights to save church

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WROCLAW

VOLUNTEERS and soldiers battled yesterday to protect cultural treasures in this historic city from the worst floods in decades, which have killed at least 56 people in Poland and the neighbouring Czech Republic.

Thousands of people laid sandbags at the Oder River banks to stop leaks in provisional dykes protecting the Gothic church and the university library located 100ft away from rising waters.

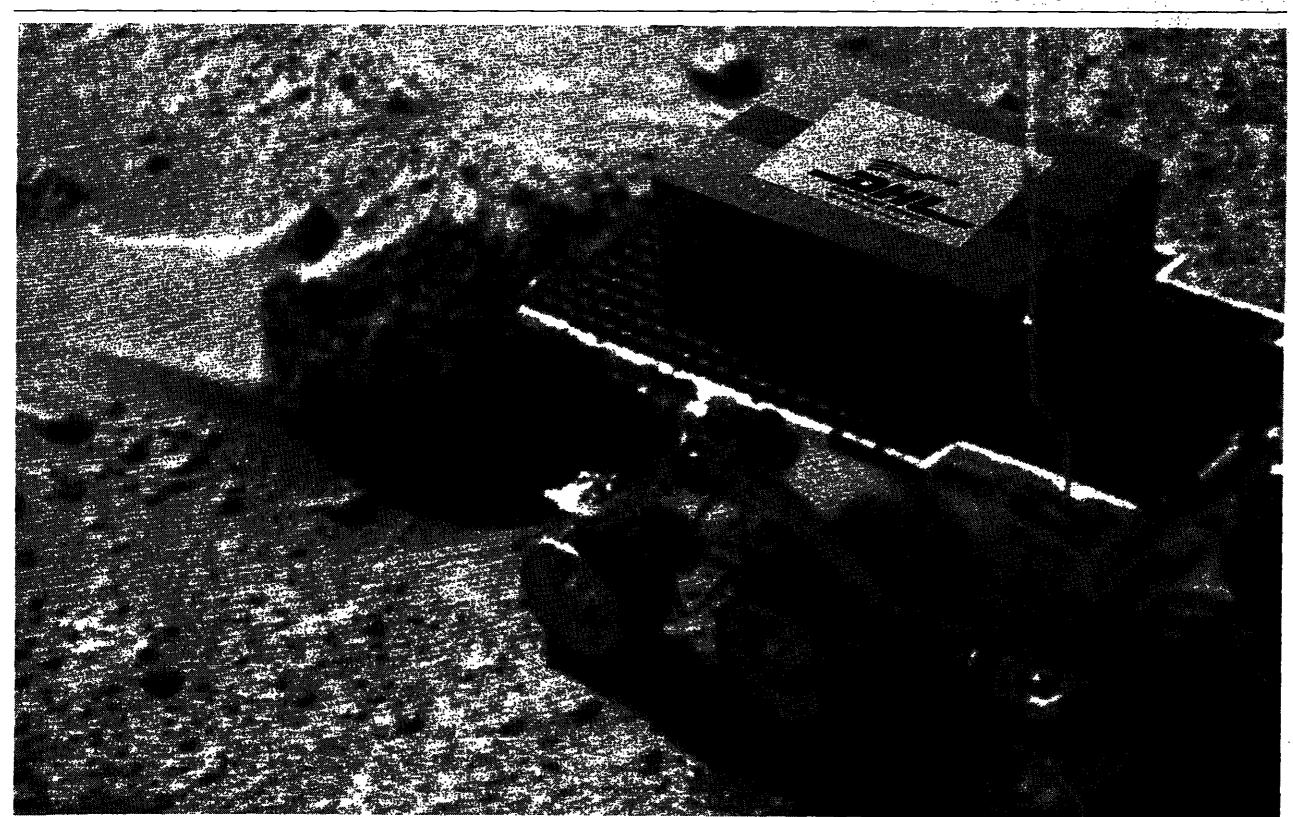
The most dramatic struggle with rising waters took place in Ostrow Tumski, an isle in the heart of the city where buildings dating back to the

13th century are located. The rescue action had to be interrupted several times because of shortages of sand.

Volunteers, many of whom worked the second day in a row without sleep, complained also of inadequate water and food supplies.

The floodwaters rose to first-

floor levels in the medieval city of 700,000 people, and residents used motor boats to bring themselves and their belongings to the safety of hilly areas. More than 30 helicopters supplied water, food and medicine to cityresidents. Electricity had been cut off since Saturday.



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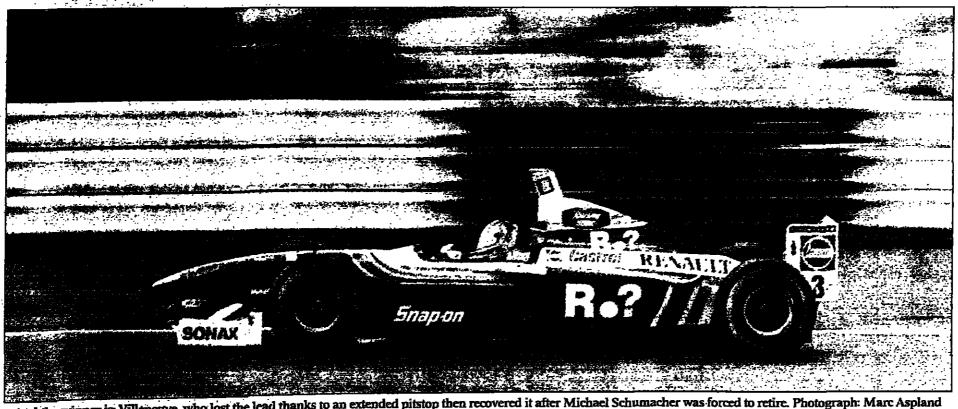
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CHAMPION HAS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE AT LAST



Hill raises his arms in triumph after finishing in the points - just - for the first time this season in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone yesterday. Photograph: Russell Boyce



And the winner is: Villeneuve, who lost the lead thanks to an extended pitstop then recovered it after Michael Schumacher was forced to retire. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Hill takes point as Villeneuve takes flag

A GLOVED fist emerged from the cockpit and Damon Hill began to punch the air. He was conducting a chorus of 110,000 voices, saluting a capacity Silverstone crowd who shared his surprise and sud-den elation. Never had sixth place in a British Grand Prix meant so much to so many.

A fortunate victory, rich in potential significance for Jacques Villeneuve, reduced Michael Schumacher's world championship lead to four points yesterday, yet it was afternoon of conflicting emotions that could have been scripted as a sporting fable.

Hill played a passive role throughout the 60-lap race, having little option but to be the tortoise to the hares further up the grid, whose speed masked unreliability. Heinz Harald Frentzen failed to survive a lap. Schumacher's wheel-bearing broke when victory seemed certain and Mika Hakkinen was denied his first grand prix win when his Mercedes engine expired.

Hill has won 21 races in a career that has forced him to develop an underdog's mentality, but few offered the unfettered sense of release he enjoyed when he earned his world championship point for Arrows, the team that invested £4.5 million in the work ethic that made him a world champion.

It was, in a way, entirely appropriate that it should have been inherited on the penultimate lap, when the Prost-Mugen Honda of Shinji Nakano coasted to a halt. Hill had shown immense persistence in the acrimonious build-up to the race, when he endured the indignity of havlenged by Tom Walkinshaw,

his employer.
"Pathetic isn't it?" Hill said with a self-deprecating chuckle as he walked towards an exultant welcome in the Arrows garage. "I was getting all choked up out there and I've only got a point. Everyone was waving flags and I just started waving back. It was terrific."

He had the sheen of a winner, the air of a champion. His dark hair was matted with sweat and he slurped an electrolyte drink from a plastic bottle, which carried the legend "Damon Hill. Number One". Nearby, a Union Flag bearing his name, made by a

child from a sheet of cardboard, leant at a crazy angle across the window of his motorhome.

"I feel like I have won something," he said. "One point to me is just as good as a victory. It was all we could hope for. I didn't think we were going to get it until Nakano blew up, but then I started getting all excited. It's a different feeling to winning, but in a way it's the same. A lot of people were here to see me as world champion and I cial to thank them. In all honesty, I needed a bit of luck, but we have achieved what we wanted."

It is unlikely to be a sufficiently powerful balm to ease all the wounds of recent days, but Hill has at least answered the slurs about his application to what has often looked a lost cause. Sensitive to the prevailing mood, of joy tinged with relief, he refrained from reinstating his virtues.

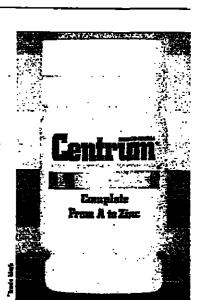
"I was just out there, trying to do my best." he said. "I don't

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think the criticism helped too much, but that's Formula One and I can take it. This is great for the team. Everyone has been under a lot of pressure. so it is only right that we should go away and celebrate. It's not the right time to consider the future."

Undoubtedly, others will be undeterred. Michael Breen, the London lawyer who acts as Hill's manager, laughed off suggestions that he is looking for EIO million for his man next season. Hill's stock will continue to rise and fall with potential suitors, who range from Prost and Sauber to McLaren, depending on

which rumour one believes. Walkinshaw, at least, had reason to be satisfied with his man-management strategy. *Damon did a super job, but at one point I thought he was going to fall out of the car, he was waving so much," he said. "Sometimes, as a manager, you have to do hard things, to get the best of the people around you." Hill was so happy, he might even have



TENNIS: DAVIS CUP VICTORY OVER UKRAINE EASES RELEGATION FEARS DESPITE MEDVEDEV'S BEST EFFORTS

Rusedski prevails to steer Britain away from danger

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN KIEV

GREG RUSEDSKI, inspired by his grasp of the local. language, anchored Great Britain to victory against Ukraine in the deciding Davis Cup match here yesterday, His victory over Andrei Rybalko clinched the tie 3-2 to banish the spectre of a relegation playoff from the Euro-African zone.

A majestic performance over three days from Andrei Medvedev - who had beaten Tim Henman in four sets earlier in the afternoon counted for nothing when Rusedski overpowered an opponent full of pluck. Rybalko tugged at his coat-tails until. increasing in stature through the match, the Briton finally shook off his opponent with the strength of his game. Victory tasted all the sweeter for Rusedski after the taunts he had endured at an official dinner the previous night.

Rusedski's grandfather. Bill, hailed from southern Ukraine before he emigrated to Canada. In his youth. Rusedski learnt a little of the local tongue and he understood perfectly officials who had taken umbrage at the British team's reluctance to finish their food - despite a translator's efforts to dilute the vitriol.

He had all the incentive he needed in advance of a difficult encounter and a partisan audience, which goaded him to lose in the name of his grandfather. "That dinner got me up for it more than the crowd," he said afterwards. "I thought they [the officials] were a bit out of order. Maybe one or two of them had had too much to drink."

Indeed, it was hard to fathom the Ukraine tennis federation's approach to this tie. Tickets for the three-day tie cost \$25 [£16.50], which equates to a month's salary for the majority of the population. This ensured that the 3,000seat stadium was half-empty. Those who attended certainly made themselves heard; a full house might just have swung the tie in their favour.

Ever since he arrived here on Wednesday, Rusedski had sensed that his match with Rybalko would settle the outcome of the tie. The pressure mounted accordingly as pre-ceding rubbers went with the form-book.

After a demoralising defeat by Medvedev on Friday, it was as well for Rusedski that he partnered Henman, in place of Neil Broad, in the doubles match on Saturday. The combination was never troubled, beating Medyedev and Dimitri Poliakov 6-1. 6-1. 7-6. Henman playing with particu-

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lar panache in the first two

Nevertheless. Rusedski did start anxiously against Rybalko. "Greg was very ner-vous before the match," David Lloyd, the Britain team captain, said yesterday. "This was a very tough tie, especially vhen we felt Medvedev would win his two singles matches.

"It meant we had to win the other three and I thought played exceptionally If we lost the match, he could have been blamed for



Henman: fiery display

That never looked likely once Rusedski soothed his nerves. He took a tense first set by breaking Rybalko in the twelfth game, after which some routine serve-and-volley-ing carried him farther and farther into the distance. He prevailed 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 in lhr 48min to register what Llovd described as a victory every bit as impressive as that posted on Spanish clay 15 years ago. Henman had earlier pro-

duced some stirring clay-court tennis against Medvedev, a true master of the surface. In a match of considerable intensiand after matching Medvedev stroke for stroke, Henman collared the first set on a tie break. Although his opponent rallied in the second set. Henman looked anything but a forlorn hope when he advanced to 4-2 in the third after an hour's rain interlude. However, Henman was to

lose the next four games, two on his own service, both with drop shots that went astray. Medvedev, who could never afford to slacken, paid handsome tribute to Henman after completing a 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 victory in their first-ever

"He has many strengths and no weaknesses that I could find," the world No 17 said. "Not only does he play like a top-ten player, he has the capability to go all the way. His ability to play retrieving shots is amazing." Henman's on-court charac-

ter is also evolving rapidly. of dubious let-calls, he harnessed his energies, summoning some of his best play for when close to boiling point. His fiery performance in the

doubles on Saturday, itself in marked contrast to his undisciplined effort of the previous day, carried over to this match. Once again, he was officially rebuked - this time for audible obscenities - in a display that firmly reflected his competitive instinct. On this evidence, he looks ready to advance his world ranking beyond No.20.



Rusedski plays a backhand return on his way to victory over Rybalko yesterday

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Laird lord it over Rio Pardo

LAIRD, the newly-organised Beaufort Club team, earned their place in Thursday's semi-finals of the British Open by beating Rio Pardo, who are put together by the Brazilian player. Ricardo Mansur, by the convincing margin of 10-4 at Cowdray Park yesterday John Watson writes).

After some very fast play during the first three chukkas. the teams were level at 4-4 at treading-in time. After that, Laird's superior team tactics, coupled with what appeared to be a slight edge in pony power, carried the afternoon. Rio Pardo were denied any further goals as Laird swept to

victory. The Laird players pivoted on Will Lucas, who looks a fraction under-handicapped, backed one another up, passed accurately and marked their opposite numbers in classic style, whereas Rio Pardo were, by comparison, too individualistic.

LAIRD: 1, L Tominson (3): 2, P Araja (7): 3, W Lucas (6): back, A Hine (6). RIO PARIOC: 1. Lord C Bereslord (6); 2, M Vidou (7); 3, R Mansur Jr (6); back, J Mansur (2)

FENCING

Chance for Cadman to make mark

QUENTIN BERRIMAN'S unexplained last-minute decision to withdraw from the world championships in Cape Town this week will damage Great Britain's chances of respectable results (Graham Morrison writes). Berriman's skill, experience and standing would have played an impor-tant role, whether or not he was personally successful.

The men's épée preliminaries start today, so a change of heart since Wednesday, when his decision came to light, would seem of little value against the backdrop of chaotic international airline schedules. Of the other men épécists, Anton Pollard could reach the middle orders, while Greg Allen is capable of a

reasonable performance.
The British federation. though, will examine closely Tom Cadman's performance. Cadman, 18, from Wimbledon, still has two years left as a junior, but, by forcing his way into the senior squad, he has shown the potential for development over the next three

Football school gives way to leading clubs

HOWARD WILKINSON, the technical director of the Football Association, said yesterday that the FA National School of Excellence at Lilleshall will be closed within two years. Wilkinson wants the centre to be replaced with academies at leading clubs.

"It is because the school has been such a great success that we have decided the time is right to change the system." he said. The new proposals will reach and benefit more youngsters. Lilleshall has taught us a lot. We could not have initiated the academy schemes without it acting as the pilot. The National School has done a great job, but its sample of boys is too small." Although the proposals need to be ratified by the FA, school officials have already accepted it will be

Tour ends in defeat

RUGBY UNION: England Under-21 ended their fivematch tour to Australia on a disappointing note when they were beaten 27-7 by their Australian counterparts in the curtain-raiser to the senior international at the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday. England's only try came when Matthew Perry and Fraser Waters found space and sent Paul Sampson through. Josh Lewsey collected a loose ball without breaking stride and Tom Beim, who had a difficult afternoon in defence, sprinted to the

posts.

South Africa Under-21 defeated a Western Australia senior team 44-18 at Perry Lakes Park, Perth yesterday.

Quirot passes Holmes

ATHLETICS: Anna Quirot, of Cuba, right, ran the fastest 800 metres in the world this year, lmin 55.78sec, at a meeting in Stuttgart yesterday. The 34year-old world champion eat the previous best time of Irain 57.14sec set by Kelly Holmes, of Britain. Another best of the year mark was set by Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, who won the 200 metres in



Simpson on a spree

HOCKEY: Rhona Simpson, the Edinburgh Ladies striker, scored her second hat-trick in seven days as Scotland held England to a 3-3 draw in the three nations' tournament at Bisham Abbey. Scotland, who were in control for most of the game, led 3-1 after 37 minutes, but England staged a late raily and salvaged a draw with goals by Tina Cullen and Jane Smith. Cath James scored the first England goal.

Scotland fall at the last

GOLF: Scotland suffered a desperate collapse in the afternoon singles in Finland yesterday to fall at the last hurdle in the European women's team championship. Having won both foursomes against Sweden, they required two points from the five matches later to secure their first two points from the five matries later to secure men mast tifle, but they failed and, as in Milan two years ago, had to settle for second. Wales were fourth and England seventh.

Manning suffers

CYCLING: Paul Manning, the British under-23 road racing champion, saw his hopes in the national 100-kilometres teamtrial championship disappear yesterday when he suffered a puncture after eight kilometres. His Adidas team colleagues were delayed by nearly three minutes as a result. The North quartet of Matthew Bottrill, Brett Harwood, Julia Ramsbotham and Chris Newton won in 2hr 11min 55sec.

Mantilla makes amends

TENNIS: Felix Mantilla, of Spain, right, won the Swiss Open in Gstaad yesterday, beating Juan Viloca, his compatriot, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 to claim his second tournament success of the year. Mantilla lost in the final of the event in 1996. Magnus Norman, of Sweden, won his first ATP tournament, defeating Juan Antonio Marin, of Spain, 7-5, 6-2 in the final of the Swedish Open in Baastad.

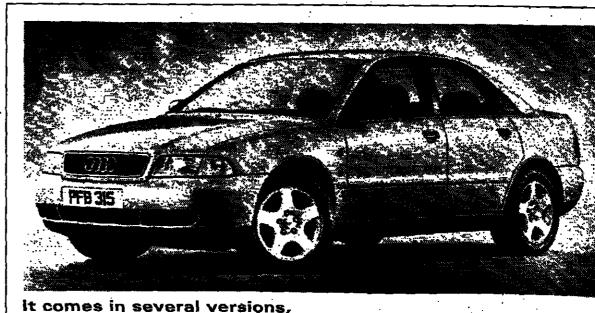


Ironman record goes

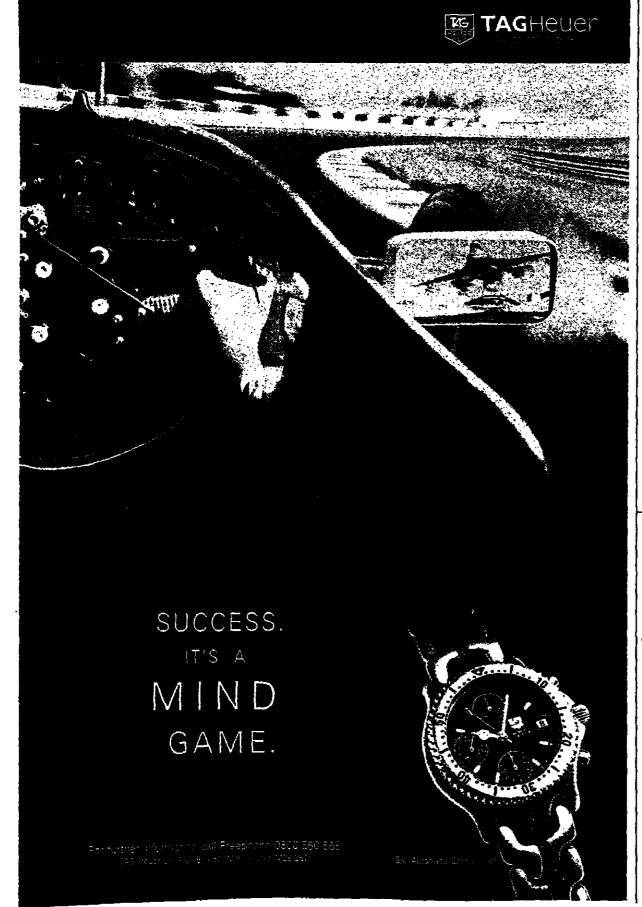
TRIATHLON: Luc van Lierde, of Belgium, broke the world record for the ironman distance at Ironman Europe in Roth, Germany, with a time of 7hr 50min 27sec, after racing in perfect conditions - warm, dry and with little wind. Sue Latshaw, of the United States, joined an exclusive group of four other women when she broke the nine-hour barrier for the course to win in 8hr 59min 30sec.

Petchey fails final test

TENNIS: Mark Petchey, of Great Britain, the No I seed. failed in his attempt to win the Bristol Challenger tournament at Redland Green yesterday. He was was beaten 7-6, 7-6 by Stefano Pescosolido. 26. of Italy, in a rain-interrupted final. Pescosolido said: This was a big tournament for me. I came looking to win a couple of matches and boost my confidence. To win it was a real surprise."



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Canadian takes maximum advantage after Schumacher's luck runs out in British Grand Prix

Villeneuve closes gap as Williams celebrate century

By MICHAEL CALVIN

retirement balances out the

when Ukyo Katayama

crashed his Minardi into the

wall before he had even

crossed the start line. His explanation — "I don't know what happened" — lacked in

technical precision what it had

Verstappen, had an inevitably

sharper edge. His initial

crime, the root of his subse-

quent difficulties, was to waste

the advantage of qualifying on

the front row by stalling after

the parade lap.

It was an elementary error

that any driving instructor can

relate to - he was in first gear

when he let out the clutch in

the mistaken belief he was in

neutral - and it did absolutely

nothing to ease the unflatter

ing comparisons with Hill, the

driver he controversially re-

This season will revolve

Schumacher: unlucky

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GRANDS PRIX TO COME July 27

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The inquest into Frentzen's

in brevity.

championship."

The race began bizarrely

JACQUES VILLENEUVE. winner of a British Grand Prix that contained more hard-luck stories than a convention of undischarged bankrupts, auditioned successfully for the role of rebel with a cause yesterday. His second sus-pended ban of the year, im-posed by the Silverstone stewards for driving too close to the safety car, was a minor

irritation_ The historical symmetry of his victory, the hundredth by the Williams team, was far outweighed by its immediate impact on the world championship. Crucially, in an age of processional races that are decided by misfortune or maifunction, he took full advan-tage of Ferrari's fallibility.

Michael Schumacher built a 29sec lead over the Canadian, who drove for ten laps with a loose front wheel and dropped back as far as seventh place, before his left rear wheel bearing buckled under the strain on lap 38. When further mechanical problems cost Eddie Irvine second position, the momentum of the season changed in an instant. Ferrari are now only three

points ahead of Williams in the constructors' championthip, one fewer than Schumacher's advantage in the duel for the drivers' title. Had Villeneuve endured the self-inflicted problems of his team-mate, Heinz Harald Frentzen, the consequences would have been far reaching.

"It was a very important race for us," Villeneuve said. "I have to admit that, at one point. I thought the chance of victory had gone. We needed this win. What goes around comes around and Michael's

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CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, M Schumacher 47pts, 2; Villemeuve 43; 3, Alesi 21; 4, Frentzen 19; 5, Ivers 18; 6, Panis (F., Prost Mugar-Honde): 15; 7, Coulthant 14; 8 equal, 6 Berger (Austria.

around the two men who gave every indication of disappearing into the distance as the race assumed a predictable pattern. Villeneuve was quickest away from the start, but Schumacher made the most of the empty track that beckoned because Frentzen was now forced to start from the back of the grid.

David Coulthard's typically failure to last the opening lap. audacious attempt to squeeze down the inside was foiled by due to a glancing blow from the Tyrrell driven by Jos the German, but he still forced his team-mate, Mika Hakkinen, to give way. The McLarens, handicapped by heavy fuel loads designed to facilitate a one-stop strategy, then formed a mobile chicane. which compressed the chasing

> Brake problems, manifested by smoking tyres, cost Coulthard a comfortable third place halfway through the race and condemned him to an ultimately frustrating climb from tenth to fourth. Hakkinen, however, had an infinitely crueller fate.

placed at the end of last He has laboured under the increasingly confident as-sumption that he, and not Coulthard, will be released at the end of the season, to help McLaren's reconstruction plans. His first win, in his 88th grand prix, would have been a boon to his manager, Keke Rosberg, who, somewhat optimistically, is trying to sell him to Ferrari as a potential replacement for

> Only seven lans remained when Hakkinen's attempt to protect a narrow lead over Villeneuve was undermined by a tell-tale plume of blue smoke from his Mercedes engine. The Finn coasted to a halt at Abbey Curve and sat motionless in the cockpit, as he was consumed by the magnitude of his disappoint-

for a second glance. When he eventually hauled himself out, he was touched by lots of reasons -- it was mulet. the sympathy of the crowd. He dignified, and staged for the stands and, rather indelicateof all, though, it was a ly, blew his nose on his reminder of the comfortingly facemask before holding both human dimensions of drivers arms high in mock triumph. without their cars, helmets "When I sat in the car, all I and mile-high endorsements. The thing was packed, like so

could think about was how close I had come," he said. "I have been trying for a win for so many years. I felt sad, of course, but when I saw the people waving and shouting at me, I had to be positive. This is the best indication of what we Villeneuve, with a comfort-

ing l0sec margin over the chasing Benetton pair of Jean Alesi and Alexander Wurz, made the most of an uneventful run to the chequered flag. Williams, whose first win was by Clay Regazzou & Silverstone in 1979, had Clay Regazzoni reached their landmark. Yet Patrick Head, their tech-

nical director, was unafraid to confront the reality of Schumacher's superiority. "We were lucky, very lucky," he acknowledged. "Michael is very strong, immensely fast. This is going to be a long, hard

Murray Walker moment

points." Oh the excitement.

Keith Mackenzie, however.

is not a man to get carried

away. Having produced !!

British Grands Prix for the

BBC he was not going to let sentiment spoil his first for

ITV. Anyway, he had already given the reigning world

championship two 30-second

bursts of television glory, and that had been when Hill was

small proportion of the nation

kept his cameras focused on

Only when Ralf Schu-

macher had crossed the line to

take fifth did Mackenzie

switch to the on-board camera

in Hill's Arrows. He may have

had half a lap to go, but Hill

with the sort of emotional

pictures it needs if it is to

prevent Formula One from

once again slipping back to being a sport only watched by

If the race itself was deter-

a specialist audience.

Villeneuve.

Short-circuited by testosterone overload whole event resembled the fall of Saigon Radio Silverstone announced that on the day of the grand prix, Silverstone has take-offs and landings every nine seconds, making it the busiest airfield in the world (or was it the Home Counties?). All this adds to the air of self-importance, though; which is the main thing

round 11.15 yester-

day morning, the

drivers in the British

Grand Prix did a lap

of honour in an open truck.

Spectators applauded and

waved flags, as well they

might. Because for once, you

see, if they asked each other:

"Who was that, then?" they

actually had an opportunity

This procession was nice for

many Play People in a Tonka toy: they looked just tiny-

Even after a pretty exciting

grand prix - with nail-biting

pit-stops and umpteen leaders retiring with blue smoke

pluming from their bums —

the attraction of this bizarre

sport still eludes me, and I can

only check my testosterone

level (low) and sigh my regret. I enjoyed the Red Arrows. I

gasped when Villeneuve's pit-

stop looked like taking about

20 minutes. I laughed and

clapped when Schumacher's

big end went. But by then I

was watching it on television,

which is the only sensible

thing. I have no idea why

people would come here in

their tens of thousands and

stand in a crowd for 75 quid a

weeny out there.

dators. Best

Formula One is about. What a bogus sport. Dress un a car race with big money, and it's still a car race. No one has yet told me a sin about a racing driver that makes me want to support him. let alone admire him, or make him worth £10 million of anybody's money. Sponsorship paraphernalia has reached idiotic proportions. Bump into a racing driver in the paddock and you're so busy reading the assorted logos on his outfit that you miss getting

a gander at his face. Meanwhile, as for the hardware and conspicuous wealth, well it's just boy's stuff. "Wow, big tyres." I say without enthusiasm, passing great stacks of them in the paddock. Wow, rich Germans in sunglasses acting like they own the place; wow, an enormous sparkly-chrome motorhome. with the words 'Seuderia Ferrari Marlboro Asprey Shell Goodyear Pioneer Telecomitalia NGK arexons SKF USAG brembo TRW sabelt BBS' written neatly on the side. Wow, let me outta

But if it's hard to warm to Wuppa-wuppa went the hethe spurious glamour of this licopters all day, so that the roadshow, it's even harder to LYNNE TRUSS

Villeneuve celebrates in time-honoured fashion after claiming his fourth grand prix triumph of the season at Silverstone yesterday



Kicking & Screaming

warm to the real meat of motor racing PR - the unedifying, hugely inflated small-pond deals and tussles between drivers and team managers. The way I see it. if Damon Hill is disenchanted with his low-performance Arrows car, that's just tough. He took the big cheque. Yet I get the impression he actually expects people to feel sorry for

No, Formula One is too odd, too masculine, and too high and mighty. Dare one blame the cheerless German influence for its haughty demeanour? Well, probably one dares not. But there was a tricky moment yesterday when Hill punched the air as he finished sixth, raising a big laugh in the press room. Here was a man with a sense of irony, wasn't it? He was

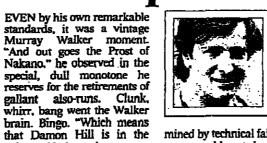
he? But afterwards, I wasn't so sure.

I suppose I just don't enjoy a sport where the participants are invisible; where you can't even see their haircuts, let alone their knees or the whites of their eyes. All you can see is their bank statements writ large. "A great day out. this," a mild South African said me in a sandwich queue before the race. Looking back, I suspect this was just an inoffensive chat-up line, but alas for that mild man, he had chosen the wrong woman to use it on. "Is it?" I demanded. "Is it a great day out?" He shrugged, and backed off uncertainly, shielding his torso with a tray. "In what way is it a great day out?" I continued, somewhat hysterically. "I ask only for

information! Browsing the local papers, I discovered that at nearby Stowe yesterday I might have visited a model yacht regatta for £1, which would have counted as at least as good a day out in my opinion. The leading yacht could have been

won't untie! We're losing precious seconds!"), then overtaken by another yacht that later sank, to the pleasant sound of a gurgling German national anthem. Meanwhile a Scottish yacht could have come through in sixth place, having steered a sensible, cautious race to defy its critics.

But I dared not visit the model yachts, just in case the dread hand of Big Bucks had infiltrated even there and ruined it. The hopeful smile would freeze on one's face to discover loads of super-huge hospitality vans surrounding each teensy boat and sponsors fighting over the colour of the waders to be worn. It could happen in model yachts: the point is it could happen anywhere. Poor little boats sinking under the weight of "Seuderia Ferrari Mariboro Asprey Shell Goodyear Pioneer TelecomItalia NGK arexons SKF USAG brembo TRW sabelt BBS". What a world.



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

mined by technical failure, the same could not be said of ITV's coverage. This was the only race of the season where the new holder of the Formula One rights in Britain gets to act as host broadcaster and provide the pictures for the

rest of the world. To help it do so, it subcontracted the technical side of things to the people who have been doing it for years, BBC Resources, but then added a running twelfth. So while a few bangs and whistles of its held its breath. Mackenzie

sports broadcast of the year.

Some of the extra camera positions worked, some such as the kerb cameras designed to give an impression of speed - turned out to be little more than an expensive novelties. In all some 50 cameras were involved, making it probably the biggest What they were all doing during the early part of Satur-

day's qualifying session, I do not know. But I do know that a mystifying preoccupation with cars either on their in-lap or

qualifying lap passed by un-seen by those of us at home. By the race itself, however, there was no such problems, with Mackenzie having the nous to turn the confusion at the start to his advantage, first using the faulty start as an opportunity for a lucrative commercial break and then using the safety car laps to catch up with the subsequent departures of Katayama and Frentzen. The

choice of replays was particu-

larly impressive. That set the standard for the afternoon, with a mixture of luck and judgment ensuring that the only notable event missed live was Hakkinen's retirement and possibly (it was a close thing) the first sign that something was amiss with Schumacher's car. The fact that both cars were leading at the time means they were bad misses, but the damage was quickly limited by swiftly retrieved replays

Brundle remains one of out-lap meant that lap after ITV's biggest assets and not

and by Martin Brundle's inst-

ant explanations.

Hill's point makes ITV happy just for his expertise. It is his natural ability as a broadcast-

er that impresses.

saying: "Hey. sixth,"wasn't

Yesterday, he probably made more mistakes than Walker did; was lamentably slow to spot the number of cars running on a one-stop strategy and breached the spirit, if not the letter, of the rules governing tobacco sponsorship on television. But until he was defeated by technology, his live amble down the Silverstone startinggrid just before the race was as good a bit of sports broadcasting as you could hope to see. That's not what ITV bought him for but they clearly know talent when they see it.

But we end as we began, with another vintage Walker moment, although I admit I'm guessing that he was responsible for this one.
Villeneuve was languishing

in the pits. As the Williams team wrestled with a front wheel nut and the seconds ticked by, James Allen (someone else who could have some explaining to do vis-a-vis tobacco brands) banged on and on and on.

Eventually Walker someone sounding very like him) could stand it no longer. Clearly audible came a strangled cry of "Oh, shut up." It was Allen's cue for the quickest "Back to you, Murray" in broadcasting history.



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Redgrave keen to retain his focus on the future

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL. ROWING CORRESPONDENT IN LUCERNE

STEVE REDGRAVE made it clear here yesterday that he does not want to dwell on his record-breaking past. After he. Matthew Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell had duly won the coxless fours and the World Cup, he said: "I don't care about my winning record. We are a new unit. Everything in the past is dead. It doesn't matter if we lose all the races as long as we win the Olympics."

The four have certainly gone up a gear since the World Cup meeting in Paris in June. Their rowing is smoother and crew cohesion has improved so much that the French, a threat in Paris, caused less

worry on this occasion. The plan of a good middle thousand went well." Pinsent said. "It put us in the driving seat and in a position to finish it off." Pinsent still pushed the rate to 44 in the run to the finish, but had nearly a length's advantage over Ro-mania, who pipped France to

second place. The British coxless pair of Bob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis lost the World Cup on a technicality predicted by Hunt-Davis before yesterday's final. The crew, leading after Munich and Paris, knew they had to win again to be sure of overall victory. They achieved second place, a whisker be-hind Lithuania, which left Lithuania and Britain with 18 points apiece. By the rules of a tie, the Lucerne winners pre-

The British, still improving. had no excuses. "It went to plan." Hunt-Davis said. "We have to got to work on our second 500. We have time to do it."

Both the coxless pair of Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop and the double scull of Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay finished fourth yesterday, but well off the pace. The pair suffered from a slow start and the double scullers had a poor third 500 metres. Some finetuning could see them break through to medal-winning form before the world chamtemper and both crews had the consolation of finishing third in the World Cup rankings.

Greg Searle and Guin Batten, the British scullers, have more leeway to make up in their incredibly competitive events. Searle failed to qualify for the "petite" final. Harry Mahon, the coach, thought that Searle might have been flat after his exertions at Henley, adding that he has got to learn to raise the rate in sculling as he did in rowing.

Batten, somewhat onepaced, failed by one place to qualify in her Saturday semifinal and, after the race, her pulse rate remained high, an after-effect of a viral infection earlier in the week. She withdrew from yesterday's petite final considering it "sensible to play it safe".

British crews in the non-World Cup events on Saturday provided an impressive curtain-raiser for yesterday's World Cup performances. Britain's colours were the most frequently seen on the Saturday victory rostrum. with a total of seven medal successes. The most evecatching performances were delivered by the women's coxless four and the men's lightweight eight.

Whitaker gallops to vintage treble

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN WHITAKER, the winner of the Aachen Grand Prix two weeks ago, continued his formidable partnership with Keeley Durham's 17-year-old Virtual Village Welham when he won the King George V Gold Cup on the final day of the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead. It is his third success in the event.

The victory yesterday, in which Whitaker relegated Jos Lansink, of Holland, a former winner of the Volvo World Cup, to second place on Carthago Z by an astonishing 5.2Ssec, confirms Welham's place among an elite of three. Ryan's Son, the horse that propelled Whitaker to the forefront of the sport, won the King George in 1986; Milton, the 1989 European champion, was responsible for Whitaker's second success, in 1990. "He's still improving," Whitaker said of the elderly Welham, who looks set to be

RESULTS

KING GEORGE V GOLD CUP: 1, Virtual Village Welham (J. Whitsker, GB) 0 in 49 41; 2, Cushago Z (J. Lansink, Holl) 0 in 56:09: 3, Virtual Village its Otto (G. Billington, GB) 7 in 52:89.

THE CUEEN ELIZABETH (J. CUP: 1, 27thon, Manna (J. Brook) 1, 95:60: 2. Grafton Magna (L. Bovan) 0 in 60,60; 2. Piptive (J. Annett GB) 4 in 54 05; 3. Ferdinand (H. Wemberg Ger) 8 in 51 78. Férdinand (H Wemberg Gert 8 in 51.78. DRESSAGE GRAND PRDX: 1. Legal Democrat (C Hester, GB) 1,640; 2. Comanche (M Barsono, US) 1,639; 3. Film Flam IS Blinks, US) 1,630; 1. GRAND PRDX SPECIAL: 1, Film Flam (S Blinks, US) 1,473; 2. Comanche (M Barsono, US) 1,442; 3. Olympic Barbina (T Bartels, Holf) 1,403.

the mainstay in the Great Britain team for the European championships next month. Certainly, the performance he gave yesterday against the clock must rank as one of his finest.

Only five horses were clear over the big opening round, which, with its varied fences gates, water, oxers and an infamous double of water ditches - proved a fitting test

Lansink, the first to go in the jump-off, produced a clear round in 55.09sec - a time he knew was vulnerable. Robert Splaine, of Ireland, the winner in 1995 with Heather Blaze. dropped out of contention with 12 faults on Ballymoss. Geoff Glazzard and Hello Oscar. going third, faulted at the last two fences. Whitaker's arrival in the arena was greeted with expectant cheers. The fast, near-perfect going was in

marked contrast to the mud of Aachen, but Welham is as adaptable as he is careful. Never looking unduly pressed, they finished clear in 49.81sec to go into the lead.

There were then some anxious minutes as Geoff Billington and Virtual Village it's Otto, the last to go, were up on Whitaker's time at the halfway stage, but, turning too sharply into the final fence, It's Otto realised he was being asked the impossible and stopped. Billington's quick recovery allowed him to still

Earlier, a disappointing Queen Elizabeth II Cup produced a surprising result when two riders competing in the event for the first time filled the top two places. Lynne Bevan, better known as a three-day eventer, won on Grafton Magna, 14, a horse that Mark Todd had ridden on the first two days of the show without success. Bevan completed the only clear round in the five-horse jump-off.

Jane Annett, 25, who had been "dreading" the event for the past two weeks because she thought it would be too big for her mare. Pipkie, took second place, faulting only at the final fence. Helena Weinberg, the former British rider competing in the event for the first time since 1986, finished third on Ferdinand. Bevan, whose former top

event horse. Horton Point. won Badminton with Todd in 1994, decided to compete only formight ago. She had intended to be at the Lumuhlen three-day event in Germany this weekend but she chipped her collarbone in a fall last month - an injury that forced her to pull out of her preparatory event for Germany. "I had already of-fered Grafton Magna to Mark [Todd] for Hickstead, so I thought it would fit in well if I took up my place in the Queen

Despited ner lijnite jumping experience. Bevan. who has now given up eventing, was not nervous at the prospect of jumping against such seasoned internationals as Marion Hughes, from Ireland - winner of the Queen Elizabeth for the past two years - and Di Lampard, the Briton who won in 1994. "Nerves didn't come into it -the horse had been going so badly with Todd I didn't think I had a hope."



Sport ready for return to former glory Simon Barnes suggests that sponsors and television companies

should be turning their attention back to a one-time favourite

brand of fags, or nails, that used to the showjumping here at Hickstead. Organisations and brand-names that take such a position at sporting events are traditionally referred to as "generous

Nothing generous about it, though. Commercial sponsors are in it for the commerce, how should it be otherwise? By association with a certain sport, the sponsoring organisation is seeking more customers - or addicts, in the case of a fag (or, for that matter,

These things are hard to quantify. but showjumping has, for years, been seen as a sport that is losing its glamour. Thus Silk Cut decided that the addict-recruitment potential of Formula One motor racing was greater than that of show jumping.

It briefly looked as though Hickstead, showjumping's Wembley or Wimbledon or Silverstone, would be lost to sport. Its organisers had re-

lied overmuch on a single Billingham, who, with his enerous sponsor, but Paul Schockemohle, a German who used to come to England to show us how to ride showjumping courses, decid-ed that it was time he came

here to show as how to run horse shows. He introduced a complex multi-sponsor package, but his first step was the biggest and most reckless - to double the prize-money of the biggest event of the meeting, the King £45,000. Naturally, that brought in great horses and

made for great sport. There was a jump-off as tight and as tense as anything in sport this weekend and a round of in-your-face intensity from John Whitaker and Welham. Their turn into the second-last was a small masterpiece of balanced, logical

great riders. A challenging

course and golden weather

stunningly athletic It's Otto, looked home and hosed, bold and fast as you could wish, until they slipped a fraction — "nervous clutch." Billingham said afterwards - coming into the last and felled it. A golden afternoon of sport,

yet this is a sport that is supposed to be boring, utterly lacking in glamour, a world away from Formula One. There is always a difference between image and reality. One is a sport that has absolutely everything right except the sport. It is a race in which nobody ever overtakes anybody. It is an event decided by the number of times a

car needs to stop for petrol.

By any logical criterion.

Formula One is a poor sport. Now motor racing, like the horsey sports, has its heartland, its devoted readers of specialist magazines, but it is

not for these that sports com-

pete. They need the channelsurfers, the floating voters and they need to turn them into a constituency of friendly zappers. That is what wins the repeat television contracts and, therefore, the sponsors.

Formula One, with its serial breakdowns, its thrilling tyrechanges and the dramatic shots of people filling up the car with petrol - and don't forget the stamps - has the hearts and minds of the zappers, for it has one thing lack: it has a soap opera. People complain that show

jumpers are dull fellows. True, neither of the Whitakers is exactly Oscar Wilde. "Very pleased," John said afterwards. "Prestigious event." But, then, Nigel Mansell was a byword for whining tedium and he was adored and voted **BBC** Sports Personality of the Year. There was a time when showjumpers routinely won the award, but those days are

gone. There is also much talk of the loss of public love that coincided with the sponsors naming horses after themselves — I really ought to have added the words "Virtual Village" before the names of both the horses that I have

What about grand prix drivers? And their cars? At least they don't paint the horses with fag-packet logos, at least there are a few square feet of rider un-logo-encumbered. Showjumpers seek and find thousands; the grand prix

In skill, in nerve, in intensithe top performers, there is a touch of cold-bloodedness, the existence of a kind of fighting computer. Both types of pilot are about as devil-may-care as

astronauts. No sport has a right to public attention and to every person is given the inalienable right to be bored in the manner of his own choosing, but I really don't think we horsey people should keep our sharable joys to ourselves.

GOLF: OPEN FINAL QUALIFYING PROVES FRUSTRATING FOR ZIMBABWEAN BUT DRUMMOND HAS DAY TO REMEMBER

assault Last to go was Geoff

Johnstone feeling short-changed by Scottish measures

A FOOT is a foot is a foot. It is a finite measure is if not three of them to a yard, 5,280 to a mile? Try telling Tony Johnstone that - he is convinced that down Kilmarnock Barassie way they have their own way of measuring units of 12 inches.

Johnstone had a tortuous time on the greens in the first round of the final qualifying competition for the Open Championship yesterday.

the measurements of the pin placements were all over the shop. The modern professionat plays his game to the metric millimetre, never mind the imperial inch. If the inaccuracy moves into feet, calamity

"In an Open Championship qualifier they should use a wheel," the Zimbabwean said. "I'm guessing they paced them out. They were yards out in

Johnstone said that he, his caddie, and David Carter, one of his playing partners, checked the positions and found them to be wrong.

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then complained bitterly that Johnstone, Carter and Glenn Richards, the third member of the group, did, it must be said, have an axe to grind. They had rounds of 74, 75 and 81 respectively, took 4hr 40min to complete their three-ball and had to let the group behind

them go through.

Johnstone had a doublebogey seven and two bogeys, due entirely, no doubt, to the inaccuracy of the pin-placement charts. Only two questions need to be answered in Kilmarnock's defence. First, if the charts were as wonky as Johnstone claimed, how come he got three birdies? Second. in the face of such inaccuracy, how could Peter O'Malley and Anthony Wall possibly have broken the course record with 67? Remarkable. Quite re-

O'Malley had an eagle, five birdies and only one bogey, which he incurred on the 4th with the only bad shot he hit all day. He took the wrong club, a nine-iron, flew the green and could not get up and down.

At least Johnstone will be back on the golf course today. attempting to make a better fist of things. Stuart Cage, on the other hand, was heading back home last night after being disqualified for signing OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL QUALIFYING SCORES

for a wrong score. Cage, a former Walker Cup player who won the Cannes Open championship this year, will be 24 on Wednesday, but he will be in no mood to celebrate. Cage signed for a four instead of a five on the 17th after a 76, not realising that the hole-by-hole scores on his card totalled 75.

The error was pointed out to Cage after he had handed in his card and left the recorder's tent. He almost immediately went back in to plead his case to change the card, but there was no way out of the situa-tion. That hard-hearted arbiter. The Rules of Golf, allows

these matters. Was the score wrong or not? It was? End of discussion; disqualified.

Brian Hobart, deputy chairman of the R & A Championship Committee and in charge at Barassie, said: "It is unfortunate, but the rules of golf have to be applied. We were not able to correct the error as the card had been handed in." Cruel, but fair.

Meanwhile, one of those romantic little stories that invariably surface during final qualifying had its first act at Irvine. Scott Drummond, a 23-year-old who has been a professional for less than a

sporting life paddling a lonely and largely unsuccessful course through the backwaters of such competitions as the Mastercard. Hippo and Futures Tours. But yesterday he found himself sailing up a tributary marked "Open Championship".

Drummond, making his third attempt to qualify for the Open, had a 65 to lead a field thick with full-blown PGA European Tour players. He had six birdies and included not a solitary bogey on his card. He was still wearing an "Oh-my-gosh" grin hours afterwards, and no wonder.



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68: D Hammond (US), J Remesy (Fr), W Westner (SA) 67: S Duniap (US), R Jacquelin (Fr). 68: S Downson (Orsett), R Wessels (SA). S Bennet! (Swingtame) 69: R Winchester (unaltached), M Jorzon (Swe), K Tomon (Japan), P Proc (Pontypridd), *P Nelson (Renishaw Park, *P Fenton (Huddersfeld). J McHenry (MMI Stockbrokers). G Dodd (Aus), J Chaffee (US), D Cooper (Boss Trucks UK), T Amour III (US), D Bradley (unattached), M Miller (unattached), T Gögele (Ger), D Robertson (Team G de Z Capital), *M King (Ballards Gore). K Vallo (Fin), K Duke (US), 70: V Phillips (Sloke Park), D Hlogins (Waterville), A Sherborne (BCH Vehicle Management), D Sklacklady (Lelsure Lakes), L Ferris (Lamberturist), I Steel (Moor Park). *J Carter (Mac-Kent). J Steenkamer (Hoff), M Gronberg (Swe), S Townend (unattached), *M James (Baristead Downs), P Saunders (Bedfondshire), B McColl (Thorpe Hall), S McPherson (Felbestowe Ferry), P Farmer (Warsteed), 71: S Field (Warranty Holdings Ltd), P Teraverinen (US), *S Wakefield (Trentham Park), P Affleck (Targel Worldwide Express), V Guest (Teesside), A Hunter (unattached), R Amold (Filton), *J Rask (Swe), M Jones (Bolton Open), S Linia (Sp), S Pigort (West Malling), R McCann (US), J Taylor (Tall Pines), T Henron (US), D Boulet (Hong Kong), R Peters (Beacon Park), K Waters (unattached), M Higginbottort (Woodsome Hall), P Simpson

(Harpenden Common), C Peny (US), D Borrego (Spl, M Marnat (Sing), 72
"I Lyner (Leicestershire), S Caslan (Marriot Dalmahoy Hotiol), J Lovell (Biokenthurst Marrot), A Tait (Optical Express), D Smyth (Ire), S Grappasoni (II), i Ellis (R Norwich), "R Price (Mormouthshire), 73: B Davis (East Harts), "G Advise (Abbeydale), I Pyman (Thursty Carnel), D Hodgson (Stoke Poges), "M Brooks (Cartuke), C Corrigan (Haigh Hail), J Hawles (SA), M Macarra (N Wales), S Watson (unattached), M J Kyung (S Kort, R Lee (unattached), R Hudable (US), P Wardell (Longriddry), C Williams (SA), R Rafferty (Saley Hail), D Wybom (Betchworth Park), F Tarnaud (F1), A Butterledd (Chisehurst), "As M Barnring (Whitewebbs Park), C Gane (Kingswood), G Owen (unattached), R Burns (K Ctub), K Stables (Montrose Links), R Nell (Mill Ride), H Buhrmann (SA), P Senaprom (Thai), P Stoller (Moor Allenton), R Ponce (Eq.), J Proctor (Stadium Golf), 75: F Clark (Hagley), M Wheeler (Carns Hail), R Lawre (Seacrott), K Keely (Woodbridge), 78: M Foster (Workson), A Wright (York Driving Range), G Furey (Pleasington), "C Mitchell (Blairgowne), E Korblah (Gha), L Lockwood (Benton Heil), "J Dorraldson (Macclesfield), "77: P Magennis (Sp.), 78: C Tyson (Maton and Norton), "W Renwick (Hawick), 79: C Phillips (Ingon Menor).

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65: S Drummond (Arscott), D Chopre (Swe), 66: J Payne (Maniott Forest of Arden), 67: D A Russell (Mid-Kenti, M Roe (unattached), E Cardy (Druids Glen), R Davis (Aus), A Sandywell (Astbury), G Orr (Burhill), S Alkan (Aus), G Ghei (India), J Kernohan (US), E Rustand (US), 68: M Peet (Pyle and Kernig), B Howard (Cochrane Castle), D Hamis (Durmood Menor), C Hall (Rushcliffe), P Barnisey (US), S Strilver (Gar), 68: C Ronald (Torrance House), R Chapman (unattached), R Boxall (Chobharn), J Curbs (Chorlton-curn-Hardy), C Surieson (Sp), M Treleaven (Hayling), N van Rensburg (SA), P Barnisley (US), J Metcalle (Boldon), C G Soon (Sing), K Vainota (Fin), A Ratt (St George's Hill), 70: D Screeton (Choriton-curn-Hardy), C Smelle (unattached), N Connelly (Staventon Park), A Crerar (Downfield), R Bearnes (Wick), "J Hepworth (Ildey), P Eales (Northern (Lakeside), A Carvate (Arg), R Woolton (Lakeside), A Carvate (Arg), T Putzer (US), M Wills (Wintchurch), R Crawstray (Tankerstey Park), A Atwai (US), K Jones (US), I Ball (Lorapolitie), 72: J Mellor (Hillsborrough), M Holtingsworth (Dentori), M Daws (unattached), P Cartman (Huddersfield), M Halberg (Swe), M Florioli (II), S Richardson (KPMG), J Present (Sandy), Lodge), D Jones (Dickson Insurance).

T Christie (NZ), F Mansson (Swe), D Botes (SA), J C Pinero (Sp), N Durinoe (Eatori), M Wilson (Belton Woods), 73: A Nash (Lostwithel), W Longmuir (Stonyhill), P Lewrie (uratitached), R Durimmond (urettached), W Bernett (uratitached), H Lewis (Royal St George's), M Johnson (unattached), M Hastie (Tumberry Hotel), I Taylor (Stonyhurst Park), N Walton (Romanby), A Lovelace (Hoebridge), S McKenna (Stocksfield), T Spence (E Sussex National): R Tinworth (Hever), 74: G Evans (uratitached), J Senden (Aus), A Crompton (Haigh Hall), P 74; G Evans (uratisched), J Senden: (Aus), A Crompton (Haigh Hatil), P Harrison (Minones), T Hanson (Cardiff), P Smith (Newmacher), D Fleicher (Chester-le-Street), K Cartssim (US), F Quinn (US), J Dove (Farrhhaven), 75; J Pnoe (Aus), " M Pilkington (Pwyliheil), M Welch (Hill: Valley), D Muscroft (Garforth), J Bevan (The Suffolk), J Taylor (Aus), J Clewett (Clyne), 78; M Gates (unatisached), M Cort (Mawby and King Ltd), A Beal (Bowood), D Cox Clewett (Clyrie), 78: M Gates (un-attached), M Cort (Maviby and King Ltd), A Beal (Bowood), D Cox (Bramley), *R Wiggins (Ponteland), I Bailey (Longcliffe), 77: *B Taylor (Thorpe Haft), P Dwyer (Clitherne), 78: R Adams (South Winchester), P Audsley (Calvidale), 79: A Barnett (R St David's), 81: D Porthouse (Castperk), F Valente (Drivetime Golf Centre), *D Ourmay (Haverfull), M Daubney (Otton) KILMARNOCK BARASSIE

(early scores) 67: P O'Malley (Aus), A Wall (un-attached), 68: D Tapping (Feidsu), * S Webster (Mald), 69: P Hinton (Chesterton Valley), S Bottomiley (unatrached), 70: A Oldcom (Maminott Dalimahoy Hotel), P Coles (Maylands), D Downie (Brunston Caste), 71: J Skold (Swe), G Brand Jr (unatrached), M Campbell (NZ), G Clark (Logister Kids), R Karlsson (Swe), 72: C Mason (unatrached), S McAllister (Chering: Cross Tower Hotel), "C Rogers (Royal Mid-Surrey), P Baleer (The Warwickshire), M Turnicilif (unatrached), 73: I Garbutt (unatrached), P Golding (South Herts), C Pena (US), N Briggs (Arthur Doodson Insurance Brokers), R Muntz (Hotl), M Bradley (Keghley), 74: D Peance (Barnard Castle), A Johnstone (Zim), S Thompson (Gleddoch), S Webster (Ansty Golf Centre), B Jackson (Aus), S Allen (West Surrey), S Hurley (Bristol and Clifton), P Walton (unatrached), L Berber (US), 75: J Higgins (Pashuti Park), D Certer (Handley Wood), G Law (Uphali), J Haeggman (Swe), "L Booth (Brokerhurst Manon), D Mansell (Sitistone), S Gellacher (The Walker Dickson Group), J Witther (Prisiley), 76: "S Braithwelle (Droitwich), S Cage (Sand Moor), A Langenseken (Bel), 77: D Clark (Mhitchurch), D Brunton (Ringwey), J O'Bren (Widnes), 79: J Marshall (Westarham), 79: W Alcock (Tarmworth), A Marshall (ALMA Consulting), D Vannet (Peteroulter), 80: C Giddins (Hastings), 81: "S McCarthy (Royal North Devon), G Richards (Manor House), 88: M Gellagher (Peterborough Milton), 90: J C'Melley (Tournerbury).

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67: J Cooeres (Arg), S Leaney (Aus), 68: A Cabrera (Arg), K Eriksson (Swe), J McCreadle (Bucharan Castle), P Curry (unattached), A Magee (US), P Way (Crawley Fubruss), B McGovern (unattached), D Hospital (So), 69: R O'Hanion (Seed), MIII), D Howell (Broome Manor), D Lee (unattached), A Forsbrand (Swe), "A Forsyth (Raston), G Christian (US), 70: S Murphy (US), N Turley (Goderminster), S Henderson (Kings Links), "J Miller (Futlord), D Westermark (Swe), B Lane (Goldsmiths), 71: A Baguley (Leigh), M Litton (Leighton Suzzard), M Moutand (Naticotte Hall-Hotel), "M Searle (Lyme Regis), 72: A Percey (Leigh), M Litton (Leighton Suzzard), M Moutand (Naticotte Hall-Hotel), "M Searle (Lyme Regis), 72: A Percey (Aus), M Lindwell (Seigh), D J Russett (Kedteston Park), D Cole (Aus), G Charmers (Aus), R Alliven (Large), 73: N Henning (SA), F Howley (Milliown), H Clark (unattached), N Preston (Prestoury), M Plummer (Marior House), "G Shorth (Mynyerd Park), M Learner (Swe), 74: P Edwards (Springwater), M Middison), 75: N Menchip (Royal Opurity Down); S Rentrew (unattached), P Gwiddi (Swiz), 76: C Westbernead, (Silothicon Solway), 77: M Sessel (Sounds), M Operic (Saston), 77: R Sessel (Sounds), M Operic (Saston), 78: R Marior (Saston), 78: R Mario (early scores)



MINDAY JULY

Nicholas sizes up chance for growth

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PORTLAND, OREGON

THE only time that Alison Nicholas found her size a drawback was when she played tennis — "It's tough when you can't see your opponent on the other side of the net," she says - but lack of inches has not impeded her growing stature as a golfer. Here at Pumpkin Ridge

yesterday, the 5ft Englishwoman was in a position to win the 52nd US Women's Open championship, leading the veteran Nancy Lopez by three shots, with a total of 203, ten under par, going into the final round. Lisa Hackney, from Staffordshire, was a revelation in third place on 208, after a third round of 67, four under par, that included four birdies and an eagle

Liselotte Neumann, the champion in 1988, slipped out of contention by dropping six shots in the first six holes on Saturday and was on 213, level



Nicholas: in control

par She was one of eight Europeans in the top 20. Laura Davies missed the

cut, as did Annika Sorenstam, the defending champion, who was aiming for an un-precented hat-trick. Davies, who started it all by winning bogey at the 18th but still spent the weekend cheering on ier compatriots

Hackney, 30, is top of the rookie of the year standings in the United States this and Paul Darby, her fitness season, but she has been a professional since 1991 and has grown in confidence since making a successful Solheim Cup debut at St Pierre last

She is playing in her second US Open — she missed the cut at Oakmont in 1992 - and was first out on Thursday morn- smallar state of grace was ing. She was three over par

after ten holes and Martin Hall, her fiance and coach, who had been up at 4.30am to do the ironing, was ageing prematurely. Hackney, a low-

key soul, did not panic, work-

ing her way to five under par after 54 holes. Nicholas had five birdies and only one bogey, at the hazardous 6th, in her 67 on Saturday. She struck the ball superbly and putted with a consummate touch on greens that were becoming slicker as the sun shone. Her concentration was total, despite the legion of noisy and devoted Lopez fans following their

heroine in the group ahead.

Nicholas did not expect to find them a problem yesterday either. She accepted that Lopez, whose first victory in Portland was the US girls' junior championship in 1974, was the sentimental favourite. Now 40, the first lady of golf was the Tiger Woods of her day, without the rough edges. She has won 48 tournaments, including three majors, but never the US Open.

"I don't think I've got too much to lose," Nicholas said. "Nancy's a very classy lady, we respect one another and we'll go out and play and see

Lopez at the first Solheim Cup. in 1990, that persuaded Nicholas that she had the game to do well in the United States after an unhappy first attempt. Nicholas and Davies caused a big upset when they defeated Lopez and Pat Bradley, another icon, in the opening foursomes of that Solheim, but Lopez beat Nicholas in the singles 6 and 4.
This is a different Nicholas.

however. She is playing well - beaten in a play-off in the the Guardian Irish Open last month - and has her swing and her body in shape, thanks to a lot of hard work with Lawrence Farmer, her coach, trainer, who has travelled out to Oregon.

A Christian, she also seemed to have her mind, the crucial component, under control. "My friends prayed for me to be calm on Saturday, she said. "I was nervous, but I felt a calm and a peace." A what was required yesterday.

John Hopkins talks to Earl Woods, the father of a phenomenon

Turning Tiger cub into golf's young Master

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f there is no more important task for a parent than overseeing and directing the upbringing of their offspring then Earl Woods can sit back now and pat himself on the back for a job well done.

Tiger Woods, the only child of his second marriage, is acclaimed as a golfing prodi-gy who, at the age of 21, is the Masters champion, has won seven tournaments in his first ll months as a professional and has sent ripples through sport in the way that only the likes of Pelé and Cassius Clay have done in the past.

Tiger has been the subject of a carefully thought-out strategy by his parents from long before he was born. Earl and Tida Woods decided that Tiger would come first in their relationship from the moment he was born and, since then, the planning and carrying out of predeter-mined ideas has never

Earl Woods, for example, loves jazz. "It is so creative, so melodic," he said last week from the offices of the Tiger Woods Foundation in California. "I wanted Tiger to hear it at the earliest possible moment and so I made sure that music from the local jazz station was playing on the brought home from the hospital. I wanted him to hear it straight away."
In his book, Training a

Tiger, Earl Woods recounts how, when Tiger was asleep in his cot, he would stand over him and talk gently to him, while stroking Tiger's cheek with his left finger. "The bond between us is very powerful now," Earl Woods repeated last week. "For example, Tiger was in Chicago same hotel as he was, but I did not go to his room and he did not come to mine. We met only once and briefly at that. That was sufficient. Tiger wanted me there. It made him feel comfortable.

"Same at Troon. Unfortunately, I shall be there unfortunately, because I have a foot-high pile of administration to do here, but, if Tiger wants me to be there because he says it makes him feel comfortable, then I shall be

Woods is open to accusations of attempting genetic engineering instead of allowing his offspring to develop naturally. There was no grand plan that he would be a golfer," Woods said. "He could be a fireman for all I care, so long as he was the best fireman it was possible to be. It was simply to make sure he was a good person."

Then why was such an elaborate plan thought up with Tiger and not with the



Woods said. "I was around Tiger from the time he was born. With the other children, I was away. I was in Vietnam. Thailand. There were gaps in their development."

The moment that Earl Woods realised Tiger was exceptional came early in their son's life. Before Tiger could walk properly, would sit in a chair in the garage and watch his father swing a golf club. Then he

Fulke and the birdie on the

short 8th was his fourth there

of the week. A 66 by Ernie Els.

children of his first marriage? would try to copy what he put a hand on him. I never sound of the wind whistling facing his father, he swung in a mirror image, swinging lefthanded in other words "One day, he stopped in mid-swing and changed from swinging left-handed to right-handed," his father recalled. "At the same time, he changed his grip to that of a right-hander.

> months old. That was when knew I had a special son. "I never had to punish him. I never restricted him. I never

He did that when he was ten

He was a self-starter. He drove me, not me him. He was an almost perfect child. An almost ungodly perfection exists in this child. "I taught him to analyse so

that he could control things. I said to him: Whose responsibility is it when you bang your club on the ground in temper? Is it that crow in the big tree over there? Is it his responsibility? Or is it the

through those trees over there? Whose responsibility was it? I asked. He would say: 'Mine.' I always tried to tie the lessons of golf into

The first time he wanted to stay out, we had to establish a curfew. I did not tell him what I had in mind. I said to him: 'What do you think? Talk to your friends. Let me know.' He came up with a time that was an hour earlier than the time I had in mind."

lessons of life.

traditional rebellion of adolescence. It came about over a girl. "It was his first relationship and he fell head over heels with a girl," Earl said. "He was about 15 at the time and it lasted for 312 years.

"He would not listen to anyone. He was Mr Know-it-All. I told him he was too young to be in with one person 100 per cent. It took him a long time to realise, but, when he did, he severed the relationship. It was time

to move on, he said." There is an air of certainty about Earl Woods and the way he talks that is as striking as some of the Surely, he and Tida must have had some doubts as to the regime they imposed on their son? "I never had any self-doubts, or reservations." Woods replied, "I had raised three children before who had become adults. I had experience in parenting."

As important as bringing children up is allowing them to leave home, both literally and metaphorically. Woods knew about that, too. "I said

'He could be a fireman, so long as he was the best fireman it was possible to be'

to my wife that, when Tiger walks out of that door to go to college, he ceases to live here. She said: 'But he's only 18.'" Woods replied: "That's it, he's gone. He only comes home for laundry and to see his friends." And so it is now. Tiger,

besieged by his popularity, lives in a guarded estate in Florida. as far from his parents as it is possible to go and remain in the United States - but the bonding has been done. He will always be Tida and Earl's son.

"I have let him go," Earl Woods said. "You know all these public relations faux pas he has made and the trouble he has been in with the press? I could have prevented all that, but I wanted him to fumble and bumble his own way so he would learn, grow and mature. And it has worked.

"Two weeks ago, he called me and said he had been doing some soul-searching. He thanked me for allowing him to make the mistakes that had made him grow. He was truly grateful."

Training a Tiger by Earl Woods (Hodder & Stoughton

Triumphant Lehman putts to perfection

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

measure

THERE is a road sign almost outside an entrance to the Loch Lomond golf club that reads: "Argyll and Bute wel-comes careful drivers." Underneath are the words: "And good putters, too." In winning the Gulfstream World Invitational at Loch Lomond, Tom Lehman played like the Open champion he is. He was not only a good putter, but good in all departments of the sometimes infuriating game of golf.

Just how good can be judged from the fact that Lehman had only two bogeys in 72 holes, a level of consistency he said he had never achieved before. The rain-dampened beautiful course was less of a test because there was no wind and, in the main, the flags were placed in generous positions, but to be 19 under par after rounds of 65, 66, 67 and 67 is memorable golf and allowed Lehman to put the finishing touches to his de- lot.

fence of the Open Championship that he won last year at Lytham knowing that his swing is on plane, his striking accurate and his putting good.

Putting is generally the key to Lehman's game. Jim Flick, the eminent teacher, has said: "I think that Tom is a wonderful lag putter and a wonderful short putter, but, by Tour startdards, he is not a wonderful putter of putts of ten to 20

Lehman calls himself a streaky putter, much as if he is a piece of bacon. What he means is that he has spells when his putting is good, when he often wins convinc-

ingly.
"My victories come when I putt weil," he said. "I won by five at Memorial [in 1994] and by five here. I was six ahead at Lytham lafter 54 holes of the Open last year] and won the Tour Championship [last October by six strokes, having led by nine after 54 holes. When I putt well. I can do a

The only moment of concern for Lehman was on the 3rd. when he took his second bogey of the tournament and fell back to 14 under par at the same time as Pierre Fulke birdied the same hole to move to the same figure.

Fulke, who eventually finished joint-fourth, could not sustain his challenge and, besides, Lehman was soon in a stretch of the golf course that he appeared to have annexed for his own pleasure. He birdied the 7th, 8th and 9th to move three strokes ahead of

a 68 by Greg Norman, a 67 by Colin Montgomerie and a 68 by Payne Stewart meant top ten finishes for all these men. Stewart, it should not be forgotten, was only one stroke away from getting into the play-off for the 1989 Open. The pattern here is that some of the approaching their best form. Nick Faldo, an avowed links

specialist, is near enough that state to entertain hopes of

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being able to raise his game this week. It could be an Open to rival that of 1993, when Norman won with a 64 in the last round and Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Nick Price and Els all followed closely behind.

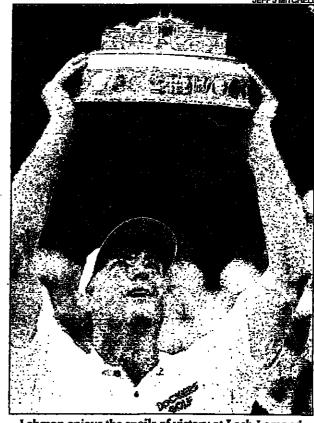
Montgomerie's new low-key approach to the Open, in which he declines to talk about , appears to be bearing fruit. "I have never played so well leading up to a major championship as I am now," he said, pointing out that his form since the PGA Championship at Wentworth has been consistently the best he has played. This run of form has contributed to his becoming the alltime leading money-winner in Europe, overtaking Bernhard Langer, "It has been a good week. I wanted to perform, but not necessarily to win - that would tire me out."

It is a shame that a tournament at such a beautiful venue should have been blighted by slow play on the course and slow traffic off it. Mont-

gomerie repeated his view that it was time the European Tour altered its slow-play pro-cedures. He pointed out that Club in last month's US Open was somewhat quicker than at Loch Lomond - "and the width of the fairways there to here was as night and day".

"Slow play needs to be raised again and again and again," Montgomerie said in words that should reverberate around the European Tour's headquarters. It was pointed out to Montgomerie that, in the 1947 Open at Hoylake, the starting times for the last day's two rounds for Fred Daly, who would go on to win, were 8.40am and 11.10am. Montgomerie looked impressed. "There you go," he said. "I rest my case."

Then, no doubt, he climbed into his car and tried to make a quick getaway from the club. Fat chance, It took 40 minutes to travel three miles - even for careful drivers and good



Lehman enjoys the spoils of victory at Loch Lomond

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Murray faces up to temptation after comeback

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

YVONNE MURRAY, in her first significant track race for two years, qualified yesterday for the world championships in Athens next month, finally winning a two-year-year battle to overcome injuries. Murray finished second to Paula Radcliffe, the world cross-country championships silver medal-winner, in the 5,000 metres at the British trials in

Birmingham. Murray, a former European champion and Olympic bronze medal-winner at 3,000 metres, used Radeliffe's forceful running during the second half of the race to squeeze inside the world championships' qualifying mark of 15min 40sec. Radeliffe won in

15min 30.30sec. Murray re-cording 15min 30.08sec. Although Murray is now entitled to take her place in the Great Britain team, she said that she would take a day to think about it. She has recovered from the calf and buck injuries that have kept her away from the limelight these past two years, but she is clearly some way below her

The temptation is there to go, but I do not want to start putting pressure on myself." Murray said. "A one-off race is one thing, but having to run two hears and a final is another entirely. I will decide tomorrow and let the British Athletic Federation know."

Chris Rawlinson, who made his debut for Great Britain in the European Cup last month. finishing lifth, maintained his position as Britain's No I 400 metres hurdler. Recording a personal best of 49.00sec, Rawlinson pulled Gary Jennings, in second place, to a world championships qualify-

These championships meant different things to different people. To some, it was the chance of a first international championship; to others, Athens held no great appeal. Paul Head, winner of the hammer. fell into the latter category. Head threw 71.58 metres, but does not possess the world championships qualifying standard of 74 metres. He is not rushing to find a competition where he might achieve it before the Athens entries close

"I tried that last year for the Olympics and wiped myself out." Head said. "I have been to three world championships, done the Olympics, done the European championships rwice, done the European Cup. I am an old man and I am not chasing qualification any-

Head is, in fact, only 32. compared with the 39 of Judy Oakes, who won her 39th national title, throwing 18.42 metres in the shot yesterday,

the 30 of Bob Weir, who won the discus with 63.74 metres vesterday, and the 41 of Tessa Sanderson, who won the javelin on Saturday.

Sanderson, the 1984 Olympic champion, will be the oldest member of Britain's ream in Athens, by some years. In her first competition of 1997, she won without being remotely challenged, the oldest slinger in town, but still the best. The lack of good opposition disappointed her.

The competition out there was very boring — there is no other word for it." Sanderson said. She will be going to Athens 23 years after appearing in her first senior interna-



Sanderson: still the best

tional championship. "I tried to lift myself, but it was difficult."

Sanderson threw her winning distance of 58.30 metres in the first round. "It was not until the fourth round that they came out with 54," she said. "It was not like a major championships, where you

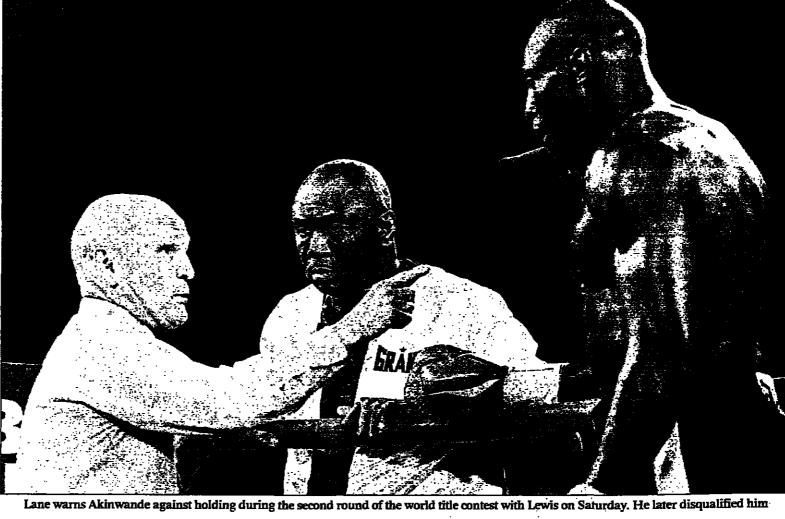
can keep your mind buzzing." Asked whether she might attempt to continue until the next Olympics, when she would be 44, Sanderson accused her inquirer of being "funny" before saying: "Definitely not." In Atlanta, she became the first British athlete to compete in six Olympics when she said she was "throwing for the grannies".

I have done my job," the former Commonwealth Games and World Cup champion said. "I have done what I have to do for my country and for myself. The main reason I came back this season was to encourage young throwers."

Together with Kelly Holmes and Denise Lewis, who was third in the Atlanta Olympics heptathlon, Ashia Hansen is a prospective British medalwinner in the women's events in Athens. Hansen improved her British and Commonwealth triple jump record to 14.94 metres at the British grand prix in Sheffield two weeks ago, but needed only 14.10 metres here to win by a

Colin Jackson, the 110 metres hurdles world recordholder, put a brave face on his defeat by Tony Jarrett on Saturday. Although Jackson has won only one race this season, he said that he felt he would still be a contender to win in Athens, noting with particular relish that no athete had come close to breaking the 13sec barrier this

However, in Stuttgart yesterday, Allen Johnson, the world and Olympic champi-on, recorded L297sec. In Birmingham, Jackson recorded 13,39sec and Jarrett, twice a world silver medal-winner.



Akinwande lands boxing's latest blow

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAKE TAHOE

JUST when everyone was hoping that boxing would make a fresh start, after being disgraced by Mike Tyson 14 days ago, the disqualification of Henry Akinwande in the fifth round of his World Boxing Council heavyweight championship contest with Lennox Lewis on Saturday left the sport in an even more

dishevelled state. Akinwande refused to listen to the referee, Mills Lane, who told him to stop holding and to get on with the contest and the referee who also disqualified Tyson could do nothing else but, after repeated warnings, throw the challenger out.

The two British boxers had a chance to give boxing its name back and also to make a name for themselves by providing a competitive contest, but neither Lewis, the holder. nor Akinwande impressed. The fifth-round disqualification left Akinwande with-

out his purse of \$1 million and with a suspension pending an inquiry. The Nevada State Athletic Commission meets next week and Akinwande has 30 days to present his case. Because of a new law passed two days ago, he could lose more than ten per cent of his purse, which was, hitherto, the maximum the commission

could withhold. Lewis, who had been hoping to make a big impression in the United States with a spectacular win, failed to satisfy his fans or silence American critics who are yet to be convinced that he is a worthy heavyweight champion. The bout turned out to be little more than a wrestling match and, despite chants of disapproval from the crowd of 2,000 and repeated warnings by

it into a boxing match. Lewis was not entirely blameless, for he did not try to raise the level of boxing, as he is more than capable of doing. Instead of extricating himself from Akinwande's arm locks and beating him back with devastating combinations inside, he allowed the challenge

Lane, neither man could turn

to hold and hold. Akinwande was terrified of Lewis from the moment he received the first glancing blow in the first round and, as early as the second, he was warned by Lane to stop holding. Soon it became clear that Akinwande would not heed the referee's words and that pushing and pulling would be

the order of the day.

True, Lewis landed the heavier and more hurtful blows, particularly one upper cut to the chin in the fourth. round and a tremendous right to the ribs in the fifth, but generally he preferred to allow

kinwande to hold. Lane had taken a point off Akinwande in the second round and, after warning his corner that he would be disqualifying him. 2min 34sec into the fifth round, he became completely exasperated when he found himself in the middle of the two six-footers struggling to separate them. The two men finally broke free and Lane took Akinwande back to his corner and told him that he was disqualifying him. The crowd went mad and chanted obscenities and one spectator threw a glass of beer into the

holding my purse. I tried to step backwards, but he did not take a step back. It was not wholly my fault. I was trying to stop him doing what he does best, hoping in later rounds to start pushing him Akinwande's trainer. Don Turner, said: "I told him that

Mills Lane had told me he was going to disqualify him if he carried on holding, but I don't know what happened."

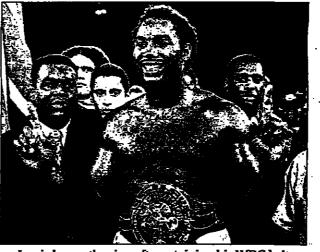
Lewis said: "I was getting

frustrated. This was to be my coming-out fight, to show my fans what I could do. He didn't give me the opportunity. I think, when he felt my energy

ring in disgust. All the usual and power. Henry decided to hold. Henry likes to box from contest, both sides blaming the outside, so I brought it each other. Akinwande said: inside. If he wants to say he don't know why they're is a great boxer, then he has to learn how to box inside as well."

Heavyweight boxing does not appear to have too bright a future until Evander Holyfield, who is now on holiday. returns to the ring. Until that time, the sport will have to live with the stigma of two disgraceful episodes within a formight. Holyfield is expected to come back in November for a unification bout with Michael Moorer. In the meantime, the sport will be graced by a contest between Lewis and George Foreman, who is 48, in October. Foreman said, after the Lewis v Akinwande fight, that he would definitely meet Lewis. Since Lewis also wants the bout, it is bound to

Before that, it will be Andrew Golota against Ray Mercer next month. Mercer will be remembered for being involved in a case in which he was accused of telling Jesse Ferguson, his opponent, to throw the fight. Golota will be remembered for his two disqualifications against Riddick Bowe. No wonder the paying customers, who have sat through five Tyson fiascos and then five disqualifications in the past 13 months (two involving Golota, one involving Oliver McCall, then Tyson and now Akinwande) are wondering when they will get their money's worth.



Lewis leaves the ring after retaining his WBC belt

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RUGBY LEAGUE: MEMORABLE VICTORY SHIFTS ATTENTION FROM INTERNAL STRIFE

Broncos maintain challenge

LONDON Broncos gained a valuable morale-booster yesterday for their game against Canberra Raiders next week with a 50-8 Stones Super League victory over Sheffield Eagles - their biggest away win of the season. The Bron-cos, full of confidence after their impressive 38-12 win over Wigan nine days earlier, ran in eight tries as they put a poor Sheffield side to the sword. Scott Roskell, the wing who is the club's leading tryscorer, touched down twice.

The Broncos, unbeaten in the league since May 9, produced some outstanding rugby as they surged to their sixth consecutive win in the league, maintaining their quest for the runners-up spot behind the Bradford Bulls.

London established a clear ascendancy within the first seven minutes with tries by Barwick and Rosolen, punishing mistakes by the full back, Sovatavua, and wing, Garcia. They raced to a 44-0 half-time lead with a second try by Rosolen and others by Roskell, Hamilton, Matterson and Tollett. Matterson kicked five goals and Barwick three.

Senior pulled a try back for Sheffield within five minutes of the restart and Sovatavua made amends for his early lapse by also going over Roskell, with a second try, and Barwick, with his fourth goal, were London's only secondhalf scorers.

Widnes, one of the game's top clubs only a few years ago, were almost certainly condemned to the second division for the first time in an illustrious history after a 30-14 home defeat by. Featherstone Rovers.

Paris declare home rule

By Christopher Irvine

A DISPUTE over whether the main Australian and New Zealand players who represent Paris Saint-Germain are legally entitled to be in the country was eclipsed, briefly, on Saturday night by the most memorable victory in the club's short and turbulent history. Whatever the future holds, a 30-28 defeat of Wigan will be a lasting memory.

Paris hauled back a 28-16

deficit and pulled themselves off the bottom of the Stones Super League with two tries in the last 13 minutes by Phil Bergman, both converted by Matt O'Connor, whose winning goal was roared over at the Charlety Stadium by the dwindling band of home supporters in a crowd of

It was Paris's first home league win this season, a timely rejoinder to the strife and bitterness that has engulfed the Super League's continental outpost. Not even the opening night defeat last year of Sheffield Eagles, when more than 17,000 packed the place for the start of the Super League era, quite compared with beating Wigan, whose previous loss at London Broncos was bad enough.

Accusations that players are operating on tourist visas rather than work permits and that the club has failed to pay tax to the French authorities were made last week by the Dabe brothers, Laurent and Nicolas, the club's publicity and sponsorship agents, who Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, said were simply making

The Dabes have been involved with the club since its formation. Their claims come against a background of de-

attendances and clining the farcical prospect of the threats by the brothers to sue Paris players not being allowed back into the country the club over money they say is owed to them. after their second phase of

Lindsay, a director at Paris, rejected allegations of mis-management. The club has been very open with all the official bodies, and the tax and national insurance contributions have been faithfully de-ducted in this country and sent to the British tax authorities. If there is any further regularisation required, we are confi-dent that Philippe Dallongeville [the French Rugby League Federation treasurer] and the French office have everything in hand," he said. The claim about visas raised

after their defeat of Perth Reds, which has left them well placed for a quarter-final play-As preparation for meeting Brisbane Broncos at home next Sunday, Wigan could not have fared worse. They casually built up a commanding lead after they trailed 16-8 at half-time, and just as casually

threw it away.

world club championship

matches in Australia. Unlike most other European clubs, Paris are looking forward to the resumption of the event





Rob Hughes shares the high emotion of a worthy tribute to the bravest of British cyclists

Family sustains Simpson's indomitable spirit

n the high and remote French Alps, a young Englishwoman yester-day rode the ultimate memorial to her father and to the summit of cathartic exercise. It was 30 years to the day, on July 13, 1967, that Tom Simpson, the greatest cyclist England has produced, died in the extreme heat and attitude of the Tour de France, less than one kilometre from the barren peak of Mont Ventoux, 88 miles north of Marseilles.

A MONDAY JULY HIM

The story of yesterday is one that expands the essence of sport. Tom Simpson's daughter, Joanne, who was four when he died, is not a cyclist -she works as a computer design technician - but it was in the search to know more about her father, more about the genes and the nature she inherited, that she decided to assault Mont Ventoux.

She was hardly alone. There were 14 riders in this memorial event, far fewer, of course, than in the Tour de France hundreds of miles away. Two of Simpson's contemporaries, Barry Hoban and Vin Denson, men who had been riding in support of him that afternoon, pedalled

alongside or behind Joanne. Indeed, Hoban, having carried to the noblest extreme the notion of supporting Simpson's family — he married Simpson's widow, Helen, gave her a third daughter and brought up the family as his own - was extending the cycle even further. He was shepherding Simpson's nephew, Thomas, 14, up the same mountain until the gearing, but definitely not the inherited Simpson stubbornness in athletic pursuit, gave way on Thomas's bike

It was Hoban, shedding unashamed tears at the end, who put into perspective this friend he still defends, still misses. "None of us had any idea how long this ride would take Joanne." Hoban said. In fact, the 26-kilometre climb from Sault to the summit took

though, and family spirit cer-tainly was. Having helped Joanne to train for something she had never done in her life. I *knew* she would get there." Hoban said. "She has so much of her father's temperament -

As Joanne passed the grey

marble memorial stone, on

which the French pay homage to Simpson — "médaille Olympique, champion du monde, ambassadeur sportife, Britannique — she caught her breath, literally. It was the most dreadful moment," she said when embracing her mother, Helen, immediately after the finish. "I just couldn't breathe for a

never went above 160. I'm allowed to go to 185. It's just at that moment, passing the monument, I choked up." Emotion: it gripped every one of us on that cruel moun-

felt absolutely fantastic. I have

a heart monitor on me and I

tain where, in heat of 55C (131F), Simpson had literally pushed himself beyond life's endurance. It would be false, and unworthy, not to admit that Simpson, like virtually every rider of his generation. had attempted to mask the pain and endurance levels have taken amphetamines and the public prosecutor at Avignon stated that, while the drugs were not of sufficient quantity to cause his death. they could have committed him to surpass his limits of strength and stamina.

Even here, even amid the intimacy of this family reunion, this tribute to their man, Hoban was unafraid yesterday to confront the issue. Barely 24 hours previously, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, of Uzbekistan, had been disqualified from the Tour de France because of drug abuse. "I will defend Tom to any-

one, always and forever, Hoban said. "He was not a victim of the drug, he was a victim of himself, one of those very few men I have met in walk of life who would push and push himself, because he wanted so badly to win the Tour, he wanted so badly to prove that an Englishman could do it " None has, but an Australian

voice on the too of this strange that begins in fertile splendour, boasts a most wonderful carpet of lavender, but which, at the height where Simpson fell, is as bleak and lifeless as the face of the moon, paid yet another cyclist's tribute to Simpson. Ron Baensce. a rough and rugged man, who was helping to translate Simpson's ability to six-day cycle racing, said: "I've come over here because I knew Joanne was going to attempt to do this. She's really a chip off the in the days when Torn was about, they were all taking something, as if they were sweets. Anyway, one of the drugs Tom had was an old people's drug. It helped to stimulate the circulation, to through the capillaries, to the legs and thighs, where it is needed. That's not taking It is, with deadly conse-

quence. Simpson, a man I knew, would not have consumed amphetamines to cheat vent himself from being cheat- across to her mother, who was am," she had said to her "There is no mountain too one and other. ed by cyclists whom he knew - and in those days the whole sport knew - were taking

Yet yesterday was not remembered for recriminations. more for the remarkable Simpson approach to living. As Joanne ascended Mont Ventoux, Chris Sidwells, the nephew of Simpson and himself an accomplished rider, was heard to give vocal en-Boardman well prepared to

"Just think about breathing . breathing," he said, without any irony. The woman at his side, Joanne, was never in difficulty. She rode through her early pain threshold, she found a rhythm that pleased her body and, from time to time, whenever she saw a familiar face or made a new friend with the characteristic openness that was Tom Simpson's nature, she postured. "Do you think Daddy was showing off like I am?" she remarked at 22 kilometres.

Before the start, serious for a

struggling through obvious emotion and remembrance. "I heard right through my childhood of what a friendly person Daddy was," Joanne said. Then, suddenly switching her vocabularly to speak of "living with Tom, eating, sleeping and learning about him for a whole year, she concluded: "My mother only started grieving for him this year, it's only been this event that has allowed her to stop closing

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Helen Simpson agreed to the accuracy of that account. "I And Joanne had kept two secrets, about to be unveiled. A lone piper, Luc Vercammom, a friend of Joanne's from Belgium, stood in the MacKenzie tartan and bellowed out the theme of Highland Cathedral. Vercammom, a social worker, became a member of the Gent Pipe Band, formed by Malcolm MacKenzie two

years ago, and his presence

was requested by Joanne. Then, unknown to anybody. she produced a small brass plate to put on the face of the and Joanne, July 13, 1997.

Simpson at his best, a stage winner on the Tour of Sardinia

Joanne, the younger daugh ter by a year, had spoken her own memorial to Tom Simp son on the face of the mountain. "You either are a Simpson, or you aren't," she had shouted.

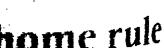
The spirit lives and, under

the fading light of yesterday evening, startled by four youths choosing to skateboard down the mountain path, somehow evading oncoming traffic, one could not disagree that the intrepid spirit and the



Joanne Simpson, left, is congratulated by her mother, Helen, after climbing Mont Ventoux and then, watched by Helen and her cousin, Thomas, places

old block. And like Barry says.



atest blow

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN PAU

THE moment of truth for Chris Boardman's Tour de France challenge comes early this afternoon in the Pyrenees, when he will face the brutal climb of the Col du Soulor, the first mountain pass in the race

this year.

With the fast and nervous flat stages over, Boardman, the former Olympic pursuit champion, knows that a high final placing will depend on how he copes with the hours of suffering among the spectacular peaks of the Alps and

"I have done my best to get ready for the mountains," Boardman said yesterday. "I have done a lot of mountainous races and I weigh as little as I ever have done, so tomorrow things come to the crunch."

Boardman negotiated the chaotic opening stages last week in which four of the favourites crashed out of the race, with unexpected maturity and enters the Tour's vital second week with every reason to believe he can achieve a

placing in the final top ten. Thus far, I have looked after myself and stayed out of trouble," he said, holding up crossed fingers, "so I can't complain. Everything has gone well and I have not wasted a lot of energy. To be honest, I have been riding better than I ever have.

His consistency has drawn admiration from even the Telekom team, for whom Bjarne Riis, the defending champion, rides. "He's going really well," Udo Bolts, of Germany, Riis's principal aide in the high mountains, said. We consider him one of the best and will be watching him

Boardman, from Merseyside, trained on most of the main climbs on the Tour route this year during the spring, storing notes on the difficulty of each mountain pass. "Having seen the mountains already certainly helps," he said. "I have made a lot of notes on each climb and I will be



looking at those on the eve of each stage to refresh my memory, but I am not banking everything on the first day in the Pyrenees. The race is bound to explode, but the days that come afterwards are important, too."

The flat prelude to the mountain stages last week, which climaxed in the frenetic

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LEADRIG OVERALL POSITIONS: I. Vasseur 41 hr 46 mn 41 sec; 2, Zabel at 1 min 21 sec; 3, Boardman at 25¢; 4, J. Ulrich (Ger. Telekom) at 25¢; 5, S. O'Grady (Aus. GAN) at 25¢; 8, Moncassin at 30½; 7, A. Olmo (Sp. Banesto) at 30½; 8, L. Jabber (Fr. ONCE) at 30¢; 9, O. Camenzind (Switz. Mappe) at 322; 10, D. Rebellin (It. La Française des Jaug at 32½; 8), Sciendri at 953. Pointer classification (green jersey): 1, Francisco des Joseph (1925), es Joseph 1952, Pointe desellication (green jersel); Zebel 236pts; 2. Moncasson (189; Billovens 199; 4. Minali 121; 5. McEwen 12 (ling of the mountains (polks dol jersel); Lamothard (Fr. Festine) 47pts; 2. C Saugai Lamothard (Fr. Festine) 47pts; 2. C Saugai

continue higher education sprint in Marennes on Friday, has left its mark on the history of the Tour for all the wrong reasons. For the image-conscious Tour organisers, the disqualification of Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, of Uzbeki-stan, for a positive drugs test was a serious blow, as was the loss on Friday of Yevgeny Berzin, of Russia, yet another of the favourites, after breaking his collar-bone.

Far worse than the embarrassment caused by Abdoujaparov, however, were the damning words of Tom Steels, the Belgian sprinter, who was thrown out of the race after uncharacteristically hurling a bottle at Frederic Moncassin, of France. "The tour doesn't care about the riders any more," Steels said as he left the Tour to fly home. "We are treated like animals. There is no respect shown for us."

Steels's words were echoed by Erik Zabel, of Germany, who was disqualified after winning on Friday but was a defiant and unquestioned victor in both Bordeaux and Pau over the weekend. "The race jury should have had a meeting with all the sprinters and maybe penalised them all rather than picking on one or two," Zabel said.

The fast stage to the fortified city of Pau yesterday, won in another well-timed sprint by Zabel after his Telekom team chased down a fruitless attack by Fabio Baldato, of Italy. brought a first week of highspeed crashes and fending to a close and heralded the arrival of the Tour's decisive phase. "I could have fallen in

any of the bad crashes last week," Riis said at the start of yesterday's stage among the Sauternes vineyards, "but tomorrow is when my Tour really begins. The mountains are what I have been waiting





England fazed by leading questions

England.

FROM DIVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

ENGLAND return home today from their ill-fated venture to Australia with respectability behind them and ambition in front. That they were beaten comfortably on Saturday at the Sydney Football Stadium was no surprise in the circumstances. but there is a striking conviction among the management and players that much of the hard work in building a World Cup side for look has been accomplished.

Yet some hard decisions are still to be made, it is imperative that the Rugby Football Union determines the management structure for the next two years — and the record of Jack Rowell as coach suggests there is nobody better, in England at least, on the horizon. Rowell has said repeatedly, however, that if it comes to a choice between rugby and his business life. the latter will take priority. "I would like to finish the job." he said yesterday, but he acknowledges that if change has

The union should not perceive Rowell's priorities as an escape clause. A full-time coach is not an imperative and the time element can still be managed. Should Rowell be confirmed next month, then he, in turn, must examine the fine-tuning of his squad and whether Phil de Glanville should remain as captain.

Saturday was not De Glanville's most memorable outing in England colours, but considerable challenge for his position at centre from Jeremy Guscott, Will Greenwood and the man he played alongside in Sydney, Nick Greenstock. When England appeared for the post-match press conference. Rowell and De Glanville were accompanied by Lawrence Dallaglio, whose qualifications for the captaincy are as valid as those of Martin Johnson, the British Isles leader, whose motivational quali-

ties are admired by Rowell. De Glanville's year in office has bought Rowell breathing time, an interregnum after the departure of Will Carling. It has been distinguished by the Bath centre's good humour and intelligence, by a triple crown and by the amicable land camp. Nevertheless, at the highest level. De Glanville will always be short of pace. In this match, his faltering defence was directly responsi-

ble for the first two tries. The first of these, scored by Burke after Roff plunged into the line from the blind-side wing, was not so significant as the second, because while England hung on at 8-3, then 8-6 down, they could always give themselves a chance of victory. When Tune pushed off De Glanville for the second try, the defence finally broke down and it was no surprise that two more Australia tries followed.

Not that Australia had so much cause for rejoicing themselves. That they bounced back from defeat in New Zealand to take the



Redman, right, faces the pace and power of Morgan as Australia launch one of many sustained attacks on the England line on Saturday

inaugural Cook Trophy was all very well, but their failure to benefit from overwhelming territorial domination for the first hour is not an encouraging sign for their meeting with New Zealand in front of 100,000 spectators at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on

knows it and his reaction in private will be substantially different to his philosophical public face. Smith acknowledged England's difficulties with physical fatigue: "I hope people will be sympathetic towards us when we play England at Twickenham later in the year." he said, knowing that he and his squad must cross time-zones from Argentina for the return match on

"I have always been an advocate of 'fly-in, fly-out' matches, but that |still| requires time to get your feet under the table." Rowell said of a match in which his squad came together with time for only two meaningful run-outs. "When England play, we should be able to put our best

the ability we have got. We have played a 15-man game at home, we have aspirations to do it in the big league . . . and I'm confident that England will make a big strike at the

World Cup." As it was, Rowell's players could offer character, a competitive set-piece and little South Africa, it is seldom easy kicked the only goal he was to recover possession in the

even harder when referees play ducks and drakes with ruck-and-maul ball. Australia built from a stream of scrums, but stern defence in the first half limited them to Burke's try and a penalty by Eales, on a night when place-kicking (one from five) was not his

offered and England lost Dawson with a bruised shoulder at the interval. Five minutes into the second half, they paid their first visit to Australia's 22 and Healey, the replacement scrum half, might have been aggrieved not to win a penalty when he broke, chipped ahead and Burke made a half-hearted attempt to block him.

a frenzy of hope, which was killed when Australia sustained an admirable build-up

Proctor spares Welsh blushes SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Burke, Tune. Grogan, Horan. Conversion: Burke, Penethy goal: Esles: England: Penethy goal: Simpson Dropped goal: Cat.
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RUGBY UNION

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Union must put * unity at top of the agenda

ity. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has wastgle that has seen the union credit dissolve at home and abroad only to find itself at precisely the point it occupied in January 1996, when Cliff Brittle was elected chairman Last Friday night. Brittle.

by 599 votes to 357 — an aggregate that is less than half the clubs in membership was elected chairman of the new board of management at the RFU annual meeting. That verdict must now be accepted with both sides realising that, whatever mistakes may have been made since the advent of professionalism, the only way forward can be through co-operation.

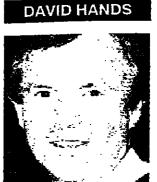
However, the greatest responsibility now lies with Brittle. He has the mandate that he wanted, but he is well aware that there is a balance to be struck between those who are paid to work for the game and those who volunteer their services. Among the latter, many of them with substantial expertise and experience to offer, are individuals who have opposed him. sometimes bitterly, in the belief that he is a disruptive

In much of the verbal skirmishing that has taken place between the two factions on the RFU have been implicit threats that Twickenham is some Augean stable that must be cleansed. Since a judicial inquiry, by Judge Gerald Butler, is being pursued into just that suggestion, talk of bloodletting is not only emotive but premature. The judge's ver-- expected towards the end of September — could conceivably impugn not only last Friday's losing camp but

also the winners. Besides, witch-hunts can rebound upon the heads of those who pursue them. The facts are that most, if not all, of the senior unpaid positions within the RFU committee structure have been democratically filled already and that the senior paid position - that of chief executive — is under review. Tony Hallett, secretary of the union since 1995 and now acting chief executive, will be informed in October by a review panel whether his work is up to

Hallett's besetting sin, according to his opponents, was his negotiation of the BSkyB television deal that not only limited the number of television viewers, but created a rift within the five nations. As matters stand, ITV has come in as a terrestrial nartner and rugby union has a mixed economy of coverage from which it should benefit: England remain within the five nations' championship and have a responsibility to sustain it as effectively as they can, while retaining the freedom to make fixtures with the southern hemisphere.

This is no time for place men. Brittle must show that he can manage the work of the union by utilising the best talents available, and not all the volunteers will be those he



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favours. It would be no surprise to find Fran Cotton lately manager of the British Isles, appearing on one of the policy-making committees. but, at the other end of the political spectrum. Bob Rogers, for example, Brittle's beaten opponent for the post of chairman, is an organiser of considerable ability.

There is also change aloot within the union's paid ranks. which need to be remotivated. Terry Burwell, rugby director at Newbury for the past six years, will become the first director of Twickenham Services in September, with responsibility for working with clubs on competitive structures, player registration and the like. Richard Prescott. late of Whitbread the brewing company, will become the new director of communications: these are significant responsibilities that need firmer leadership than Twickenham has had over the past year because so many attentions have been diverted by the political struggle.

ndeed, the only credit that England can glean from recent events has been on the playing field and that reflects as much on the management style of Jack Rowell and his coaching colleagues, Mike Slemen and Les Cusworth, the country's leading players and their clubs as it does upon the RFU. Though embroiled in the political dispute the top clubs have made distinct advances in fitness and playing style from which England and the British Isles have benefited.

management body agreed with the RFU that must be given the chance to work. The England management will be reviewed by the national playing committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Beau-mont, but, in a period of change. Rowell's record speaks for him: Cusworth is about to accept a paid position with Worcester that need not necessarily affect his preparation of England's backs, but what England need in the run-up to the 1999 World Cup is stability.

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That is what Brittle in concert with Peter Brook, as the union's president, has the chance to provide. English rugby is sick to death of politics. What it now wants is statesmanship and that is a very different ball game.

November 15. week earlier. In the event, they left San Francisco relieved to have won - by 28-23

international against the United States on Saturday demanding, and expecting, a more impressive performance and conclusive victory than they carned in the first game a – at all.

foot forward and do justice to

WALES began the second piled on the pressure at the end. Proctor, the Llanelli wing, struck twice in the first half, helping Wales to a 13-6 lead at the break, but saved his best try for the second period, when he beat his opposite number. Brian Hightower, and Chris Morrow, the full back, in a

30-metre touchline run. Indeed, but for three tries Jason Walker, the United from Wayne Proctor - his States No 8. pulled back the first hat-trick in an internadeficit when he burrowed tional - they would surely over from a scrum and Matt have lost, a ignominy prevent-Alexander's conversion tied ed only by some desperate the scores, before Proctor and defending as the Americans Arwel Thomas, with a conver-

after a lucky bounce, to score what proved to be the winning try.

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erec P D O'Brien (New Zealand)

and Tune finished with fi-

nesse. Within two minutes,

Burke had slipped a pass to

Tune on the right and the

wing danced past the cover

before feeding Gregan inside

quarter loomed for England

and it is to their credit that

one more score. Australia

taking a tapped penalty and

Roff sending Horan to the

At that stage, a difficult final

for the third try.

Team spirit drives Swindon

SPEEDWAY

By TONY HOARE

SWINDON'S victory at Cov-club off the top spot by just one entry on Saturday put the Robins firmly back in the Elite League championship race as the main contenders approached the halfway mark. Two points from the encounter at Brandon left the Wiltshire

hear point and a home win in the return fixture last night would have sent them three points clear of Eastbourne at the top of the table. The title has not headed to Blunsdon since 1967, when Barry Briggs,

number of supporters, who claimed that the team was not good enough to compete in the Elite League. However, under the control of Peter Toogood. who is in his second year as sole promoter, the riders have silenced their critics.

While the Swindon No I. Leigh Adams, an Australian. who competes in the world championship grand prix. is second in the Elite League rankings at present, with an average of more than ten points per meeting, it is team spirit that has fuelled Swindon's success. All the riders live in the town and, with Nick Bell, an experienced manager. looking after factics, they has risen to the occasion.

the multiple world champion.

After a poor start in the

Speedway Star Cup, Swindon

found themselves on the re-

ceiving end of a boycon from a

spearheaded their side.

The team captain is Jimmy Nilsen, 30, the reigning Swedish champion, who spent sev-en seasons at the top of the sport before falling into a three-year slump. After enjoying a superb 1996 campaign. Nilsen feels the spirit at Swin-don is the best he has experienced at any club. "Everyone is shouting for the same thing: it doesn't matter who is scoring as an individual, we want to win as a team," he said.

Ferguson

FOOTBALL

hopes to buy Silva ALEX FERGUSON, the

Manchester United manager. could end his search for a new central defender this week by signing Celio Silva. of Brazil. Ferguson has admitted that he is keen to make one more significant signing before the start of the season. Ferguson has "one bullet

left in the transfer gun". according to Martin Edwards, the chairman, while the manager himself has been quoted as saying: "We have asked about Silva and we are hoping to get him over to England in the next few days to have a chat." Miguel Angel Nadal, the Barcelona defender, is thought to be the other

name on Ferguson's list. David Ginola was last night meeting Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, to discuss a move to White Hart Lane from Newcastle United. The 2n-year-old is helieved to be available for £2.0 million and Olivier Godalier. Ginola's agent, said he expected that the meeting would produce "a happy outcome".

Paul McGrath has signed for West Ham United on a free transfer from Derby County. while Marco Pascolo, the Switzerland goalkeeper, is RACING: Birghton (6:20) Cattenck (2:15), Diorication (6:30) Sundown Park (2:05), Wordester (6:10), Varmouth (1:50) poised to join Noningham Forest for £1 million.

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FRIDAY RUGBY LEAGUE SUPER LEAGUE VISA WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Peruth Panthers v Warrington Wolves (10 30am) Pool B: Leeds Phrinos v Adelade Rams (7 30) Oldham Bears v North Quientstand Cow-bons (7 30)

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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Redoar (6.45), Ripon (2.35), Warendr (6.25) ROM/RNG: National championships (in Notingham) SPEEDWAY: Bite League: Bradford v Preterborouch (7.30), Coventry v Bella Vue (7.30): Eastbourne v Wolverhampton (7.30), Swindon v Bowech (7.30) Premier League: Bervick v Exeter (6.30); Stoke v Newport (7.30) Amatieur League: Berwick v Exeter and Newport (8.0). SWIMMENG: National championships (at Crystal Palace) Crystal Palace

> SUNDAY CRICKET

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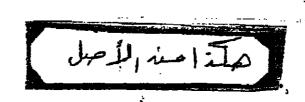
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SWIMING: National championships (at Crystal Palsoe)

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CRICKET: YOUNGER HOLLIOAKE TAKES CENTRE STAGE DURING ONE-SIDED BENSON AND HEDGES CUP FINAL

National treasure in need of polishing

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

(Kent won toss): Surrey beat Kent by eight

THE insouciant talent of Ben Hollioake illuminated a oneday showpiece at Lord's for the second time this summer on Saturday. Given the abysmally one-sided nature of the Benson and Hedges Cup final, it was just as well.

Everyone, from agents upwards, will now want their share of this precocious teenager and Hollioake's matchwinning 98 for Surrey against a woefully under-par Kent gave a timely focus to continuing arguments over the direction that his career should take. Popular demands will inevitably grow for his inclusion by England and Hollioake, who joins the national squad for a bonding session in Yorkshire next week, may yet make his Test debut before his twentieth

birthday in November. His

next international honour,

Marsh: game-plan

however, will come, controversially, at a far lower level. Tomorrow, the England Under-19 squad will be announced for four-day and limited overs games against Zimbabwe next month and I understand that Hollioake claims of Surrey, and many voices raised in support, that he would be better employed playing county cricket than in an age-group he has clearly

In one sense, this is an extension of the eternal conflict between club and country, common to so many sports. In another, it is distinctly different, for the subject here is very young and exceptionally gifted - at his age, the most exciting English cricketer in many

Hollinake batted on Saturday as only the innocent can. utterly without fear or inhibition. It might have been a different game, a better contest, if he had been either caught or run-out in a heartstopping moment during the

fifth over, which could have left Surrey 22 for two, but thereafter he was serene. Pinch-hitter or not, this was no merry slog, either.

present on holiday in

on Saturday on television and, while stimulated by Hollioake's potential, will doubtless have gleaned reassurance from the batting of Stewart. This has been a sensitive time for Stewart, the wormes over his wife's illness overriding all else, but it cannot be denied that his wicketkeeping was

He will regret the shot that dismissed him - indeed, he regretted it so much that he

walked off to a standing evation with his head hung low and his helmet still on but, having instantly asserted control with a flurry of fours, he had responded to the mature guidance of Alec Stewart and played with judgment and sense. His defence is transparently

flawed, his bat too often coming down crooked and late. which would be exposed as such in Test cricket, but minor adjustments can cure this shortcoming. When attacking, he stands erect, hitting the ball with a full flow of the arms. the full face of the bat and exquisite timing.

Anyone inclined to suspect

Hollioake's dashing England debut in the one-day international against Australia on this ground might prove to be a freak has been silenced. "I think I'll come here again," he said afterwards in the mild, unaffected manner that, as his fame grows, he must seek It should be stressed here

that Hollioake had previously achieved little for Surrey this season and, up to now, the England selectors have been unarguably right in resisting the cries for his Test inclusion. This may soon change. Certainly, he will go on tour to West Indies this winter and he may be an England all-rounder for years to come. At this impressionable stage, it is crucial that his development is handled correctly.

My understanding is that his selection for the under-19s is an adherence to a commitment to pick the best, but that. through the wise advice of the England selectors, discretion play in the initial one-day games against Zimbabwe, which do not clash with Surrey's county championship fixtures, but may well be released from some later matches. That is the strong proposal of one England selector, Mike Gatting, and has the agreement of the chairman, David Graveney, who is at

Graveney watched the final



Hollioake, who won the man-of-the-match award, exerts his authority over the Kent bowlers with another free-flowing stroke through the on side

scruffy in the Old Trafford Test and no better on Saturday. Apart from some basic errors of alertness, he dropped a regulation catch, two-handed to his left.

For Kent, this was a honus. for little else had gone their to a game-plan when he chose to bat first, but the morning was clammy, the dew thick on the ground and the ball swung appreciably. Soon, with the assistance of two dubious leg-before decisions. Surrey had reduced them to 23 for three.

Without an Aravinda de Silva, whose brilliance took them so close against Lancashire two years ago, it was hard to divine a way back from there. The middle-order worthies, Llong and Ealham, ensured respectability, but already there was the impression that Kent were sinking to a sixth consecutive defeat in Lord's knockout finals.

There was some decent Surrey bowling, notably from Ian Salisbury and Chris Lew-

is, though, as usual, the latter overplayed his posturing, but it was clear that the pitch held no evils. Despite Marsh's supervision of the late overs, the total was inadequate. "We needed a minimum of 250." he said, "but to make it worse, we then didn't howl enough halls

in the right area." They did not. McCague charged in, full of adrenalin and intent, and his fourth ball

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was carved by Ali Brown with ferocious force. Fleming, at point, took a reflex catch and, suddenly, Surrey's ability to self-destruct was the abiding

Hollioake struck three disdainful fours before his leading edge spiralled agonisingly short of Ealham at mid-on. The ball ran loose to an infuriated McCague, who very nearly ran out the wan-

dering batsman with his sav-

age throw. It was the defining moment of a deeply disappointing match.

Interest, thereafter, was divided between admiration of Hollioake's fluency and irritation at the constant malfunctioning of the main scoresomething that happens far too often for the good of MCC's reputation.

Hollioake fell two runs short of only the fifth century Thorpe combined to insure against a gruesome repetition.

After taking the Sunday league last September, this effectively means Surrey have won two successive one-day titles. It is also, however, almost certainly the end of their involvement in this year's honours and cannot camouflage the deeper, endur-

ing problems at the Oval.

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

(65min, 40 balls, 2 fours)
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M A Ealham c Brown b Lewis.

Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 17, nb 2) . Total (9 wkts, 50 overs, 204min) 212

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SURREY A D Brown c Fleming b McCaque . 2 7A J stewart not out ...
(179mm, 125 bells, 7 lours)
B C Hothoake c Strang b Eatherr
(126mm, 112 bells, 15 fours)
G P Thorpe not out ...
(49mm, 32 bells)

Extras (b 11, w 6, nb 6) Total (2 wkts, 45 overs, 179min) . 215

*A J Horlicate, M A Butcher, C C Lewis, J D Ratcliffe, M P Bicknell, I D K Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq did not FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2 (Stewart 0), 2-151 (Stewart 45)

BOMLING: McCague 8-0-45-1 rw 1; 7 fours, 3-0-19-1, 2-0-10-0, 3-0-16-0), Headley 10-0-53-0 rmb 3; 6 fours; 4-0 21-0, 2-0-70, 2-0-13-0, 2-0-12-0); Ferming 7-1-29-0 rw 1, 4 fours; 6-1-22-0, 1-0-7-0); Eatham 6-0-31-1 rw 3; 4 fours; 3-0-0, 3-0, 4 rb, 15 forgan 10-1-31-0 for 1 20-0, 3-0-11-1); Strang 10-1-31-0 fw 1. 6-1-19-0, 4-0-12-6). Llong 4-0-15-0 (1 four, one spell). Score after 15 overs: 60 for 1 Surrey won by eacht wickets

Umpires: G Sharp and D R Shepherd Third umpire: J W Holder

Lewis's behaviour was described as "obnoxious" by one spectator

Kent take fright as Surrey pick fight Michael Henderson finds little to impress during

A fter an immensely disap-pointing Benson and Hedges Cup final, all the more disappointing for the clamorous fanfare that preceded it, some questions arise. 1) Are Kent the great "bottlers"? 2) Why are Surrey so unpopular? 3) How good is Hollioake minor? 4) Is Chris Lewis sound of mind?

The answers are: yes; because they behave like spoilt brats; good, but not quite the reincarnation of Victor Trumper: send for a doctor. First, Kent. When Steve Marsh,

their captain, was asked after the match whether they had bottled it, he said: "People may say we did. but we just did not compete." In a word, yes. Winning cup finals is all about "competing" on the big stage and, for the second time in three years, Kent took fright.

In the Benson and Hedges Cup final two years ago, they won the toss against Lancashire, decided they would rather not face Wasim Akram on a sultry morning and were unable to support Aravinda de Silva when it was their turn to bat. This time, they won the toss and were stuffed up before lunch. They have very good players, but they do not know, yet, how to handle the big

a disappointing cup final at Lord's on Saturday Their performance was a shame,

not least because few people beyond Kennington wanted Surrey to prevail. It is fair to say that, among players and umpires, Surrey are not just not liked, they are disliked. The general perception, fairly or unfairly, is of a gang of noisy, self-regarding children. Not all of them should be

damned so - Alec Stewart is admired as a pro's pro and has a record that demands respect — but too many are seen as "actors". moreover ones who do not always remember their lines.

It is not without significance that Stewart gave up the club captaincy at the end of last year. Perhaps, in part, he had had enough of trying to keep in order a team that made enemies on the field by saying too much and achieving too little.

Something is out of kilter at the Oval. Half of the side is represented by Gareth James, one of the new breed of agents, who turned up on the dressing-room balcony last year, when Surrey won the Sunday league, to join in the celebrations!

Since when did agents contribute to anything that happens on the field of play? What was a mere agent doing in the dressing-room in the first place?

Brian Clough had a straightforward message to these people when he discussed matters with his players at Nottingham Forest. The manager's message went something like "The door is over there and you can get the other side of it." The time may have come for cricket clubs to follow his example, for James has made no secret of his ambitions, which, on this evidence, clearly do not include the grooming of his clients.

players on the balcony at Lord's bore the mark of young men who have been indulged too often. Lewis and Mark Butcher came on swigging champagne, the surest sign of the true vulgarian, and Butcher was shouting at friends below when the umpires went up to collect their own medals. It was not a pretty spectacle.

The behaviour of the Surrey

say? He was at his worst on Saturday, strutting back to his mark like a gangster in a Chicago alley, following through unnecessarily to within a cock-stride of the batsman, over-reacting absurdly when he took a wicket and turning up later with his trademark idiocy, the cap worn back to front.

His conduct after taking Fleming's wicket was so excessive that, had there been a match referee, as they have in the Tests. he might well have requested a psychiatric report. At the end of that over, Lewis punched the air like a man is a frenzy. An MCC member, who was once the chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, spoke for many when he said: "I have never seen anything so obnoxious

Lewis's problem is that he is not actually . . . ah. does it really matter? Does anybody care? He has had enough chances to establish himself as a front-rank player and has not come close.

To fulfil his obvious potential, Ben Hollioake would do well to heed the lessons of this sad story. There are some rough edges to refine, but one thing is clear: the lad can play.





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Derbyshire grateful for staying power

By Richard Hobson

Derbyshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 114 runs

FOR a player seemingly determined to leave Derbyshire. Chris Adams is not exactly presenting a case for his own dispensability. His century here yesterday was the second in five days, after his 101 against Northamptonshire in the NatWest Trophy, and means he has now reached three figures in each of the four competitions this season.

Adams batted through the Derbyshire innings of 259 for two and had 109 from 110 balls to his credit at the end of the 40 overs. He began with a five. a sharp single embellished by overthrows, but afterwards breached the boundary just four times. As the figures suggest, he rarely struggled to steer a way past the infield.

TABLE.

Darren Gough conceded two wides in the first over after Yorkshire had opted to field. It set the tone for the afternoon as the visitors played as incapably in this Axa Life league contest as they had performed commandingly in the 128-run win against Leicestershire in NatWest Trophy last

Derbyshire constructed their highest score against Yorkshire in the 28 years of the competition and secured just their second win of the season by dismissing them for 145. Any question that they might approach the target of 260 was dispelled as they slipped to 39 for four in the ninth over. If their fielding had been listless. then it was accentuated by the eagerness with which Derby-shire approached the task.

Doubtless Yorkshire would have exchanged their success

DERBY (Yorkshire won toss): on Saturday in the Northern Electric Trophy at Scarborough, where they beat Durham by five wickets, for the four points that would have taken them within two points of the leaders. They are effectively out of contention now, having played two games more than both Essex and Only Hartley and Stemp

had any success in checking the scoring rate after Adams and Rollins had taken Derbyshire beyond 50 in just the seventh over. There was little pace in the pitch and Rollins achieved some success punching away on the front foot before he pulled Hartley to Byas at short mid-wicket. The opening stand realised

91 in 17 overs and Khan fell three overs later when he drove Stemp to White at cover. That, however, proved their last success as Adams put on 158 in 20 overs with Vince Clarke, an all-rounder with his third county who has proved a useful player for Derbyshire through their troubled summer.

Twice, he dispatched the distinctly slow left-arm spin of Lehmann over long-on for sixes and a textbook drive through mid-off when Gough over-pitched raised his first half-century in the competition. He finished unbeaten on 77 from 68 balls. Gough, in contrast, looked thoroughly dejected as he left the field having conceded 65 runs from his eight overs.

Yorkshire have managed to conquer higher peaks than this. Only seven days earlier. they had scored 298 to tie with Leicestershire. Almost half of those runs were made by Craig White; this time, he was caught behind in the third over and his dismissal proved merely the beginning of a tortuous decline.

DeFreitas added the wickets of Blakey and Parker in his fifth over while Byas drove Dean to cover. By the time a shower interrupted play. Lehmann and McGrath had taken the score to 83 with the onus on one of them to emulate Adams and see the innings through.

Lehmann, though, fell immediately after the restart and McGrath drove to cover where Barnett leapt high to hold a fine catch one-handed. Harris finished off the innings to claim personal figures of four for 22 from 4.2 overs.



A rare moment of solid defence in an otherwise belligerent innings by Slater. Photograph: Clive Mason / Allsport

Sheridan raises Scottish spirits

By Alastair Storie

EDINBURGH (Grange CC: Scotland won toss): Match abandoned

THE Australians' second festival match of the week was abandoned without a result on Saturday after a heavy thunderstorm at 5pm flooded the square. With Scotland subdued on 95 for six, against opponents they will meet in the 1999 World Cup, the decision was purely academic as the Australian bowlers. running in with commitment, had, by that stage, sent out a most succinct

Michael Slater captured the carnival atmosphere with 12 fours and two sixes in his 95. His driving power forced the bowlers to cut their length, whereupon he

hooked and pulled maliciously. That the Australians made only 278 was

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attributable to a period of spirited Scottish bowling and catching that claimed six wickets for 26 runs. Langer, having just hit Beven, the off spinner, for six over long-on, surprisingly checked a drive off the same bowler to the diving Salmond at extra cover. Beven, a 38-year-old former Tasmania player, who qualifies through residency, maintained the consistency that made him Scotland's most effective bowler in the ICC tournament and returned figures of one for 44.

Ponting, searching for form, was un-characteristically passive in making 33 from 62 balls and, like the in-form Blewett, perished to a catch on the boundary. Blewett was the first of Keith Sheridan's five wickets as the 25-year-old civil engineer began the day of his dreams. Bowling accurate left-arm spin with a low trajectory through the last 14 overs, he was rewarded further with the

wickets of the Waugh twins. Healy and Julian in the space of two overs. Steve Waugh has expressed an interest in working with the emerging nations as part of an ICC development programme and would be an ideal candidate to elevate the Scots to international requirements.

Their reply began positively enough with 31 coming from six overs until Kasprowicz found both the line and effective movement to induce edges from Patterson. Salmond and Williamson. When Philip played on to McGrath, Scotland were looking extremely soluble at 39 for four. It was the game, however, that was soon to dissolve, leaving Scotland with much to consider.

There was optimism, however, for the departing supporters in the announcement that the Scotland Under-19 team had just qualified for the youth World Cup.

By Simon Wilde HOVE (Gloucestershire won attempted to pull through the

spur for TRENT BRIDGE (Notting-

SOMERSET'S victory, which took them within two points of the leading group in the Sunday league, owed much to scintillating innings Keith Parsons that yielded 50 runs from 30 balls as Somerset added 57 from the last four overs (Jack Bailey writes). His flailing bat was crucial to the Somerset cause and, for all the efforts of Pollard and Tolley to score 106 from the last ten overs, first Parsons's innings and then some excellent bowling by Mushtan Ahmed in the

effort proved decisive. Tolley, who had already taken four for 24, accompanied Pollard in a stand worth 80 from ten overs as they strove to overtake Somerset's 227, but, once Pollard left, after making 87 from 104 balls, Somerset were firmly in the

middle of Nottinghamshire's

saddle. Before Tolley entered the scene, Holloway and Burns had looked in no discomfort. Then Holloway chopped a wide ball on to his stumps. With his next ball, Tolley had the new batsman, Turner, caught at extra cover and, almost before he knew it, Lathwell was on his way. leg-

When Ecclestone was caught at deep cover, Tolley had taken four for ten in five overs, Somerset had lost their first four wickets scoring 29 runs. Although Tolley took a fine catch to get rid of Burns, after his 60 from 87 balls, Parsons. Bowler and Rose figured in a rousing finale to the innings.

Wide smiles for Sussex

toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by one wicket SUSSEX are on something of

a roll. After toppling Lancashire, the holders, in the NatWest Trophy last week, yesterday they denied Gloucestershire the chance to go equal top of the Axa Life League. It was only their second league win of the season and was achieved - in a tense, low-scoring match in the most bizarre circum-Having made heavy wea-

ther of closing in on their target of 142 — they needed only 15 runs from the last four overs with five wickets in hand - Sussex began the final over needing one run for victory with their eighth-wicket pair at the crease. With the first ball, Alleyne

bowled Keith Newell as he

on side. With the second, Robinson was stumped down the leg side, but, as the Gloucestershire players celebrated the raised finger of umpire Plews at square leg. their attention was drawn to the fact that Jones, the umpire at the bowlers' end, had signalled a wide

Robinson, one of the most infamous "rabbits" in the country, has been through his tribulations with the bat, but being dismissed for nought off the ball that won the match for his side - and after the event. as it were - must be a personal best. Rather sheepishly, he shook hands with Khan, his batting partner. "I gave him out before Allan Jones | signalled a wide, so the wicket stands." Plews said.

Newell, who scored 35 and took the first two wickets to fall in the Gloucestershire innings, was one of Sussex's matchwinners. The other was Keith Greenfield, who scored a century in the defeat of Lancashire and played like a man in form.

He was the only batsman to really time the ball, stroking his way to 62 from 92 balls. The pitch was the one used for the Lancashire match, but it had lost all its pace. Greenfield hit six fours, one fewer than the opposition managed in their entire innings. After Newell, 24 was the next highest score.

Gloucestershire lost a succession of wickets in an effort to force the pace, though they were not helped by Cunliffe retiring with a groin strain in the fourth over. He returned later with a runner, but added only five. That nobody lasted longer or scored more runs than Lynch, who made 24 from 44 balls, tells its own tale.

Hemp inspires last-gasp win

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER LE STREET (Durham won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Durham by five wickets (D/L Method)

THIS spectacular win, with three balls to spare, was inspired by David Hemp's half-century from 20 balls and lifted Warwickshire to the top of the Axa Life League. Hemp. a Bermuda-born left-hander and Warwickshire recruit this season from Giamorgan, struck three sixes and three fours in his first limited-overs fifty for his new county.

In a match disrupted by two protracted showers, Warwickshire prospered despite the early innings predicament of being 22 runs adrift of their target of 137 in 17 overs. Hemp transformed their position, ruthlessly exposing Durham's erratic length and line. Alan Walker, though returning three for 39, bowled a wayward final over, including a

wide and a loose leg-side ball that Trevor Penney clipped for the match-winning boundary. It was Warwickshire's first Sunday win in Durham at the third attempt, having lost at Darlington in 1993 and at Riverside two years ago. Their attack had been under pressure as Stewart Hutton, Stockton-born, and Martin Speight, a recruit from Sussex this summer, made half-centuries.

Hutton scored 57, with sev-n fours, from 62 balls.

Speight plundered 64 not out, including a straight six off Neil Smith, and seven fours from 56 balls. Durham accelerated to 174 for two from 27.4

Warwickshire were still too streetwise, though the ponderous batting of Anurag Singh, the Cambridge captain, who scored 14 from 28 balls, might have cost them victory. James Boiling kissed the ground when forcing Singh to chop a ball on to his stumps, but Durham would have been better served if the batsman had loitered a few more overs. Ironically, his dismissal was the game's turning point as Warwickshire raced to

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THE WEEKEND'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Life League Derbyshire v Yorkshire DERBY (Yorkshire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 114 runs DERBYSHIRE

BOMLING: DeFretas 8-1-39-3; Dean 8-0-25-1; Clarke 8-1-29-2; Aldred 4-0-23-0; Harris 4-2-0-22-4. Umpres: M.J. Kalchen and R.A. While

Durham v Warwickshire CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Warwockshire (4prs) beet Durham by five wickers (D/L Method) MAHRUG

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Extras (b 3, b 3, w 3, rb 4)
Total (2 wkts, 27.4 overs)
FALL OF WICKETS 1-41, 2-103.
RYMMING-Brown 4,11-50. Web BOWLING: Brown 4-1-15-0; Welch 3.5-0-27-0; Donald 5-0-38-0; Giles 5-0-33-0; Small 4-5-0-25-0; Smith 5-0-30-1. WARWICKSHIRE

BOWLING, Brown 3-0-14-1; Wood 4-0-21-0, Bolling 3-0-30-1, Foster 3-0-25-0; Walker 3-3-39-3

Umpies H D Bird and G I Burgass Target Score: 137 from 17 overs. Hampshire v Worcestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss) Hampshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by HAMPSHIRE S Laney low b Moody

I L Hayden c Lampet b Chapman

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BOWLING Moody 7-1-28-1; Hrok 8-0-39-0; Lamphi 7-0-51-0; Shenyar 6-0-44-0; Chap-man 6-0-27-3; Leatherdale 4-0-28-0; Solanki 2-0-8-0.

G A Hick c Ayries b Stephenson
IX R Spring low b Stephenson
D A Leetherdele c Ayries b Stephenson
W P C Weston b Udat
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R J Chapman low b Stephenson
Extras (b 2, w 7)

Total (30,3 overs) Total (30.3 overs) 14.5 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-100, 3-106, 4-124, 5-125, 6-126, 7-127, 8-144, 9-145. BOWLING Connor 4-0-11-1: Penshare 5-0-21-0; Maru 8-0-26-0; Stephenson 7-3-0-33-6; Udal 8-0-52-3. Umpres: TE Jesty and B J Mayer

Nottinghamshire v Somersa TRENT BRIDGE (Notinghamshire won loss): Somerset (4pis) beet Notinghamshire by 30 runs

Extras (169, w 4, nb, 7) BOM, ING: Evens 7-0-40-0; Franks 8-0-42-0; Orem 5.5-0-42-0; Johnson 0.1-0-1-0; Tolley 8-1-24-4, Bates 6-0-36-0; Actie 5-0-33-2.

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P Johnson c Bowler b Rose
N J Astie C Caddick b Mushfaq
R T Robreson c and b Mushfaq
C M Toley c Rose b Caddick
R T Bates c Kerr b Caddick
W M Noon not out BOMLING: Plose 8-0-20-2; Paixons 8-0-50-0; Caddick 8-0-45-3; Muchtaq Ahmed 8-1-26-2; Kerr 8-0-49-0

Umpres J H Hants and P Wiley. Sussex v Gloucestershire HOVE (Gloucestershire won toss): Susse (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by one wicket

Total (9 wids, 40 overs) 141
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-42, 3-71, 4-83, 5-98, 6-116, 7-125, 8-131, 9-131.
BOWLING, K Newell B-0-22-2; Kirtley 8-0-

36-2; Robinson 8-3-22-1; Janes 8-0-32-3; Khan 8-1-24-1. ther infig SUSSEX

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Ali Naqvi not out ... Salam Elahi not out ... Extres (lb 4, w 3, nb 2) Umpres. A G T Whitehead and M J Hams

Northern Electric Trophy Yorkshire v Durham

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J Bolžnog nostou! Extras (o 2, b, 7, w 5) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-111, 3-114, 4-191, 5-233, 6-268, 7-284 BOMUNG Hamton 10-0-51-2; Hartley 10-0-58-0; Moms 10-0-80-1; White 7-1-23-1; Fisher 10-0-48-1; McGrath 3-0-23-1 YORKSHIRE

W D Moxon c Speight b Foster
A McGrath c Monte b Boiling
D Byas b Wood
D S Lafmenn c Monte b Foster
C Write not out
B Parker c Speight b Brown
H J Blabyn not out
Emiss (0.5, w.8) Total (5 wkts, 49.3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-128, 2-147, 3-177, 4-263, 5-284. BOWLING Brown 10-0-57-1; Bets 9.3-0-60-0; Wood 10-0-58-1; Foster 10-0-61-2; Boiling 10-0-53-1. Umpires: JH Hampshire and Bites McCain Challenge

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Essex v Leicestershire LEICESTERSHIRE Edras (b 1, lb 5, w 3, nb 4)

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D D J Roberson not out
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A P Grayson c Smith b Maddy
D R Law c Smith b Maddy
S D Peters c Maddy b Johnson
A P Cowan not out 5-23-0-23-0 BOWLING: Ormand 8-0-40-1; Johnson 5-0-24-1; Crowe 2-0-17-0; Williamson 8-0-34-0; Dektn 7-0-44-1; Welts 2-0-18-0; Brunson 3-0-33-0; Maddy 5-0-28-3

Umpres: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeats

Pakistanis hand out lesson in panache

BY DEREK HODGSON

WALSALL (Pakistan A won toss): Pakistan A beat an ECB XI by ten wickets

dence of the commitment of the new England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to the game at its lower levels. Its XI wore the coronet and lions of the full England team, was managed by Chris Old with John Carr, the board's operations manager, in overall

The players - John Robinson and Stuart Waterton apart - were nominated by their clubs and it is not too cruel to say that the gap between their cricket and the play of this highly-talented young Pakistani team, whose average age is 17, five of whom are still at school, was glaringly obvious.

There were no hazards in the pitch, but the ECB were rarely able to sustain a partnership, the innings resting on a solid 49. off 117 balls, by Steve Foster, of Gomersal. With Angus Mackay, of Barnsgreen, he added 49 for the fifth wicket.

The most penetrative bowling came from the seamers. Shoiab Akhtar and Abdul Razzak. but the most intrigu-ing was the flighted off-spin of Shoiab Malik, who is 15.

The ECB total of 145 was reduced by 38 in the seven overs before the interval in a flurry of boundaries by Ali Naqvi and Salim Elhi. Naqvi hit eight fours in his fifty, off 52 balls - he went on to 80 not out — while Elhi's fifty took 72 balls and included seven

Stephenson regains taste for captaincy By PAT GIBSON

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by

JOHN STEPHENSON si-lenced speculation about his future as Hampshire captain by taking six for to in five overs yesterday to give his side unly their third Axa Life League victory this season. Stephenson was so upset after Hampshire's defeat by

Glamorgan in the NatWest Trophy quarter-final last week that his remarks were interpreted as meaning that he wanted "someone else" to have a go. Yesterday, he said that he had been speaking in the heat of the moment and that he had no intention of standing down. Worcestershire were cruis233, with Torn Moody and Graeme Hick peppering the pavilion roof and nearby houses with seemingly effortless sixes, when Moody tried



to hit Udal for another and edged a steepling catch to gully. Stephenson promptly took off Maru, put himself on to bowl his deceptively brisk medium pace and triggered an amazing collapse that saw Worcestershire lose their last nine wickets for 44. His final figures of six for 33 were his best in the competition. Hampshire owed their total to Keech and Udal, who thrashed 98 off the last 11 overs after the early batsmen had struggled to time the ball on a slow pitch. Both reached halfcenturies in the final over of ing at 100 for one in pursuit of

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Horton can save Derbyshire from further infighting

THIS time last year, Mike Horton, the chairman of Derbyshire, returned from a business trip to Florida and perceived that factions of his committee were plotting against him. He almost resigned, thought better of it and declared: This club has to keep going forward. If everyone is pulling the same way, then I'll stay."

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Derbyshire, with a captain and coach identified and installed by Horton, then finished second in the county championship. The members purred, the chairman seemed secure. Now, however, Horton is in Florida once again and, when he arrives home, early next month, it will be to a club in ferment.

Suddenly, it seems, pulling to gether is an alien concept at Derby. Horton's future as chairman is but one contentious issue to be resolved in the turmoil provoked by the departure of Dean Jones. The future of senior players and even of the physiotherapist, Ann Brentnall, must also be settled.

When Jones walked out last month, he set off a chain of events that threatens the soul of this small but combustible club. There is no end in sight to the conflict and the possibility is growing that it will rouse the members to call for a special general meeting, which could unseat Horton and the entire

The abrupt exit of Jones, a dereliction of duty on his part, was sloppily handled by Horton and his principal committee men and the outcome has been insurrection in the playing ranks. There is now the risk that several leading players -Kim Barnett, Dominic Cork and Phillip DeFreitas among them will tire of their treatment and seek to leave.

There has been a month of covert whispering and finger-pointing, rumour and resentment. The committee has taken refuge in silence and, disingenuously, expected the players to follow its lead. When Barnett, a natural spokesman after 13 years as captain, dared to comment on the affair on local radio, he was fined, then fined again when he objected.

It is this last matter that is prolonging the saga. Barnett appealed against his punishment and the hearing was set to come before the disciplinary committee of the England and Wales Cricket Board B) at Lord's last Friday. Al short notice, it was postponed and a new date is likely to be a month

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Championship Commentary

distant. Another month of unhealthy stirring.

The postponement, I underwas imposed, indirectly, through the absence of the chairman. Horton lodged a statement with the ECB and Barnett's solicitor, hired by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) after a visit to Derby last weekend by the general secretary, David Graveney, insisted that he should be present to be cross-examined.

Barnett is in no mood to accept defeat and he has considerable right on his side. His defence is based on the premises that the club's blanket ban on player comment was a nonsense, that his own remarks were mild, conciliatory and within the ECB's new guidelines on public statements and that procedural errors were made in the imposition of his fine. The figure of £1,500 is, incongru-

ously, three times greater than Warwickshire fined Keith Piper for drug-taking and substantially more than Derbyshire themselves fined Chris Adams for blatant and public dissent in their match against the Australians last month. Two things particularly gall Barnett and the great majority of players who support him. One is that Horton described Jones's departure as "amicable", when it was anything but; the other is that Jones was permitted to issue a statement, through the club, in which he attacked the attitude of the senior players. This is a charge, they feel, to which they are entitled

Bad blood runs deeper Les Stillman, the Australian coach banished from all contact with the team and is seeing out his contract

termed "scouting duties". The club has given him a house, a car and a substantial salary, but the pressure has evidently threatened his health. Some of the players have little

sympathy.
Brentnall, a diligent and popular figure, submitted her resignation when the coach and captain questioned her judgment that Cork was sufficiently injured to require specialist treatment. Brentnall's opinion was later vindicated - Cork is unlikely to be fit this season - and she has been persuaded to stay on,

at least temporarily.

Last season, Stillman worked effectively with Jones. Hardly a word could be heard against them from the dressing-room. This season, it seemed to many, they were working at odds with each other and the creation of disharmony and mistrust, embracing scepticism about Cork's fitness, has eroded team morale. Derbyshire are now one place off the bottom of a championship many had felt they could win.

Horton, rich on the proceeds of his business but "a frustrated sportsman" at heart, is the one man who can turn the tide. He has performed one minor miracle for Derbyshire by single-handedly saving them from bankruptcy and consequent extinction - four years ago. "I inherited a mess at this club and it has taken a lot of turning round," he said last year. Now he has another, distinctly different, mess to occupy him.

His most sensible course might be to prioritise peace talks with Barnett, even to offer him an apology, in order to head off an inevitably messy and destructive appeal hearing. Then he should make his own statement on the Jones affair, deal with the festering presence of Stillman and do his utmost to protect the playing resources before they disperse. If he achieves all this, he will

probably keep his committee together and placate the membership. It would be a formidable feat of humility and conciliation. On the other hand, Horton may return from his business trip, observe the mess that is partly of his own creation, reflect on his words of a That, for the well-being of Derbyshire, would be the greatest shame. | became formally his. "It is some-

The new season

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CHANGING TIMES



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Pigott is making his considerable presence felt both on and off the scarred battleground at Hove. Photograph: Peter Trievnor

Power switch ignites Pigott's dream

manager known to his staff by a nickname acquired in his youth, but then Tony Pigott, who will be saddled with "Lester" as long as he works in Sussex, is not your average man in a blazer. He brought a revolution to the sleepy acres of a cricket club he loved and the coup complete, found himself installed in a seat of power.

Until the winter, Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, occupied the less exalted position of assistant coach at Surrey, with whom he had seen out his playing days after leaving Hove. Such has been Sussex's poor form in the first half of the season, with the NatWest Trophy second-round victory over Lancashire last week a rare beacon in the gloom, that he has also taken on a more "hands-on" role in first-

It is a startling and rapid transformation, born out of the acrimony that gripped the club over the close season. A handful of senior players had left and Pigott, despairing of the club's committee, rallied members to his standard. At the annual meeting in March. the old regime was ousted and Robin Mariar became chairman.

Pigott, 39, was soon appointed as r of cricket and chief executive, before the job James Allen meets a revolutionary aiming to restore a new order amid the chaos at Sussex

thing that hadn't ever been an ambition of mine." Pigott said, "but after playing cricket, it's the next-best thing."

He accepts, however, that the workload will have to be pared down and confirmed that he is to shed one of his titles. "I'm going to be chief executive and we are going to recruit a director of cricket, but it is such a vital appointment that we are not going to be rushed," he

The chosen person will oversee the club's involvement with Sussex cricket from schools level upwards and Pigott is at pains to emphasise that it will not diminish the responsibilities of the present coaching staff - as if aware that the announcement of his own closer involvement with the first team was open to various interpretations. Most of them concerned the future of Desmond Havnes. the first-team coach.

"It has been blown out of all proportion," Pigott said. "I'm just another pair of eyes and ears. The captain and the coach are very the outside and hopefully can add another view. I'm not going to send someone out on to the pitch who Peter Moores [the Sussex captain] doesn't want out there."

The same diplomatic tone greets inquiries about Marlar's criticism. before he became chairman, of the appointments of Haynes and Moores. "A lot of things were said during the winter," Pigott said, and I think he regrets some of the things he did say, but we are 100 per cent behind the players we have and the season represents a great chance for them."

ith the heart of the team torn out over the winter, there was an air of inevdifficulties on the field and the need for recruitment is obvious. Yet Pigott is not willing to encourage the "total speculation" that the club will be among those bidding for Shane Warne's services.

For all that, the spark of ambition to push Sussex forward glows brightly. He would like to close the book on the past, offering only a smile when asked about the state He did not sit down at his desk

in the spring without an insight

work crowd. "You have got to try to get people to watch cricket, get more people into the grounds, Pigott said. "We are in the enter-To those of a less adventurous

maintain the game's status quo, it

is revolutionary talk indeed.

cricket, having worked in the

marketing department at Hoye in

his days on the playing staff, or

without commercial experience further afield. Latterly, he had a

management company that looked

after the interests of Alec Stewart,

Graham Thorpe and Mark

Ramprakash — but the new job is

"I wish there were 30 hours in a

day," he said. "I spent 18 years with

Sussex as a player and have

supported them since the age of

four, so hopefully I understand the

club as well as anybody, but, when you become chief executive, you

have to know absolutely every

thing. It's a million-pound

He has already established a

reputation for being an innovator

and talks of attracting a new

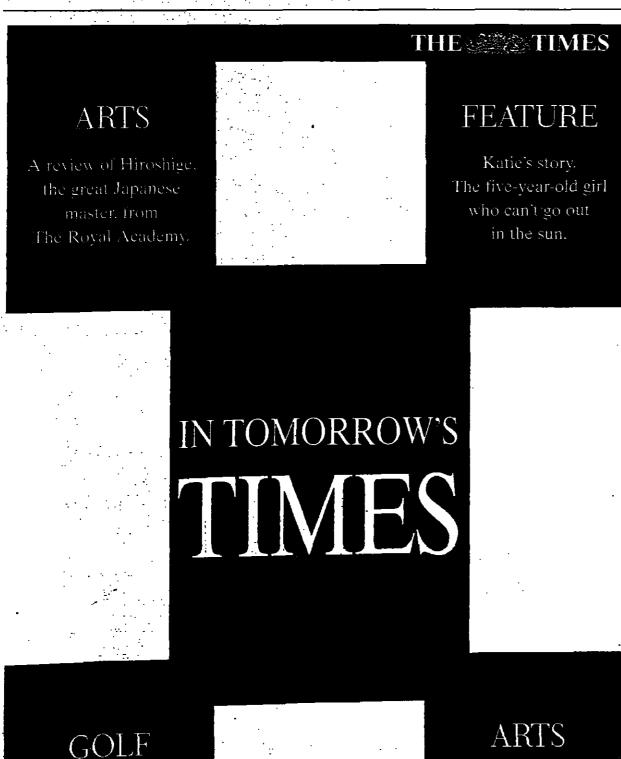
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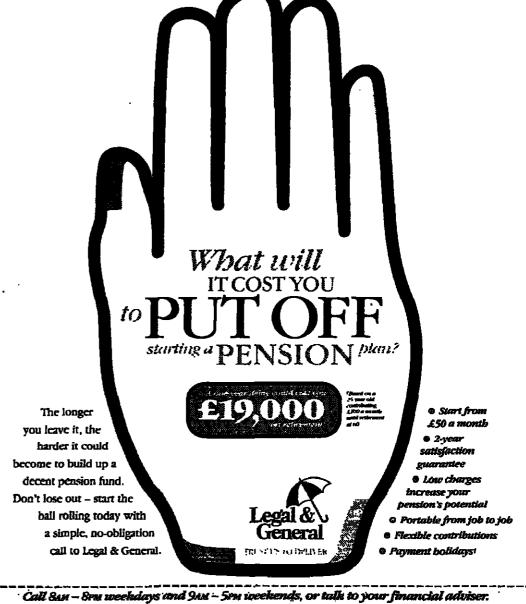
Sunday league game under lights in August at Hove, where playing

hours in the championship have

been set later to encourage a post-

something altogether different.





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Ebadiyla confirms home advantage

FROM CHRIS MCGRATH AT THE CURRAGH

AFTER years of equine imperialism, home rule is once again being asserted on the Irish turf. Ebadiyla yesterday made it four out of four domestic wins in the season's frish classics when seeing off the British-trained favourite. Yashmak, in the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at the Curragh.

However, the locals were discouraged from excessive delusions of grandeur when King Of Kings, that loudest of talking horses, met his first defeat on the same card.

Yashmak had run fourth in the Oaks at Epsom. where Ebadiyla was sixth. But the Aga Khan's filly was having only her third start that day. and proved naive in a rough race. This time, enjoying the services of a pacemaker, Aliya. she was produced two furlongs out by John Murtagh — riding his first classic winner - to gallop three lengths clear

of Yashmak. Henry Cecil, the latter's trainer, reported that his Ribblesdale Stakes winner had lost a shoe and would have preferred more rain, but refused to offer excuses for defeat by an improving filly. John Oxx, the winning trainer, said: "Epsom was a bit of a mess; she didn't act on the track, it was a rough contest and we made too much

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

-4 Mubile 7-2 Le Grand Gousier, 7-1 Warnor King, 8-1 heilas Dream, Riscotto. 12-1 Rivers Magic, 14-1 others.

WINDSOR

6.30 Le Grand Gousier. 7.00 Jungle Story. 7.30 The Dilettanti. 8.00 Calamander. 8.30 Masharik. 9.00

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 Dooze.

6.30 IKM NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS SELLING STAKES (£2,147: 1m 3f 135yd) (10 runners)

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4 3100 RISCATTO 7 (F) W More 39-1	K Failon 3	
5 5345 FURTUNE HOPPER 7	Peace 3-6-10	R Service 10
6 4520 L EGAND GOUSEEP R WINDERS 3-8-10	R Cochrane 10	
7 0500 RUMMING FREE 10 M Feberston-Jordey 3-8-10	Dane O'Neill 1	
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use of her. My horses had been down with the flu, too, but she has been in much better form recently, and may now go for the Yorkshire Oaks."

King Of Kings had been dethroned from his dominion over the juveniles — who, after all, have barely shown their hand - when narrowly denied in the Omni Racing Anglesey Stakes. Ladbrokes

BIG-RACE DETAILS

(Group I: 3-Y-O filles' IE.1 II. 7.00 m 4)

1. EBADIYLA (J. Murtagh 9-2): 2. Yashmak (K. Falkon 6-4 havi. 3. Brilliance (S. Guillor 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5. Strawberry Roan (4th); 1.4 Etoile (6th); 25. Caiseal Ros. 32. Absolute Glee, Aliya. Farmily Tradition. Shali Gangar, Via Verbano (5th). 11 ran. 31, hd. 15/1. J. Oxo. in Instand. Tote: £4.20: £1.60, £1.10. £1.90. DF. £5.40. CSF £9.58. 2min 33.70sec.

pushed him out from 5-1 to 12-1 for next year's 2,000 Guineas. restoring sanity to a market seduced by loose talk of great-

Aidan O'Brien, his trainer. withdrew four runners on the card, reporting them off their feed. That offers one possible excuse for his defeat, but there is nothing morecowardly than a bully - and one has to wonder whether King Of Kings was simply reluctant to match his brutish physical

superiority over less preco-cious rivals with a corresponding mental toughness.

The colt strolled around the paddock with sumptuous majesty, betraying no sign of the frothiness that had menaced his previous, swaggering wins
— though he did get on his toes when mounted.

In the race, he showed the stride of a panther alongside four flimsier rivals. Christy Roche, however, once again seemed keen not to unnerve him — but whereas he had been able to win cleverly here last time, yesterday he found a more tenacious opponent in Lady Alexander.

The Con Collins-trained fil-

ly held on in a photo-finish, but the result could have been different if King Of Kings had put his head down — in every sense. Roche kept his hands on the reins, trying to nurse him home. "I felt at halfway that the horse was not right." he explained after being quizzed by the stewards. "I didn't hit him or show him the whip because I knew that, if I did, we would have no horse - and he is a horse with a future." That remains to be

For now, however, it looks as though - once again - the provided the turf has shallowest of roots for great

8.00 ORBIS SECURITY SYSTEMS

FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,063: 1m 67yd) (17)

SHARP 'N' SHADY 11 (S) C Wall 4-9-11 FIRST CHANCE 34 0 Elsagnin 3-9-10

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0322 CALAMANDER 28 (BP) W Mart 3-9-7
6130 SS GANDER 28 (BP) W Mart 3-9-7
0000 PAPITA 12 (F) S Don 3-9-5
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4-1 Queen's Insigna, 9-2 Sharp in Shady 11-2 Calamander 7-1 First Chance, 6-1 Op The Green, 10-1 Sis Garden, Cats Boltom, 12-1 others,

8.30 FINANCIAL TIMES MAGAZINE MAIDEN

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J. ALARIMST 17 (B) R Charlon 9-0

J. AZORES 24 (BP) P Cote 9-0

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LBM Mrs J Cool 9-0

MCMAM R J South 9-0

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asharik, 4-1 Mengsah, 5-1 Kayl Tara, 6-1 Alambis, 10-1 Azores, Kamanev ndra, 12-1 others

CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (52,898: 51 10yd) (17)

1 0020 MMRRACE 30 (0.5) K hory 4-9-13 — Martin Dwyer (3) 14
2 1030 STEP ON DEGAS 105 (0.5) M F-Godley 4-9-12 R Friench (5) 3
3 1453 LITTLESTONE ROCKET 5 (8,0.5) W Mair 3-9-7 Dane O'Neal 13
4 5444 CE ASE 12 (0.5) R Williams 3-9-5 — R Cochrane 12
5 0-00 MRP FOX 17 (0.5) R Williams 3-9-5 — R Cochrane 12
5 0-00 MRP FOX 17 (0.7) P Monory 3-9-0 — W J O'Comor 16
5 0206 NELLE NORTH 13 (0.5) F McCount 4-8-13 — D Hambon 5
7 1633 NAPIER STAR 23 (V.D) No. M Macauley 4-8-13 — D Hambon 5
8 6-80 ASHICERIARY 7 (CD.F) N Berry 6-8-13 — R Perham 17
9 4135 ROBO MAGIC 23 (0.7) L Montague Hall 5-8-12 C Lowder (7) 8
10 6-40 BESTELINA 41 D Cosgrove 3-8-10 — M Henry (3) 4
12 5-902 BROCH PARAGON 7 (CD.F) ASIN K way 8-8-7 S Carson (7) 1
13 005 KILDEE BOY 17 A P Jones 3-8-7 M Henry (3) 4
15 0005 DANCING MRYSTERY 10 E Wheeler 3-8-4 — T Syrake 10
16 00-3 TOMARY TEMPEST 7 (0.5) R Peason 8-8 — S Sanders 6
17 500- DUINE OR BUST 292 (8) C Hall 4-7-1 — R Mailen (6) 9
1-7 Sep On Dogas, 7-1 Littlestone Rocket, tor Age, Neille North, Bright Paragon.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs. J Cecil. 3 entires from 14 numers. 21.4%, F Johnson Houghton. 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Stoute. 8 from 43, 18.6%. R Hannon. 37 from 245, 15.1%. P Wateryn. 5 from 35, 14.3%. JOCKEYS: k Fallon. 3 entires from 10 rides, 30.0%, f. Detion. 27 from 130, 20.6%. Pat Eddey. 41 from 202, 20.3%, Aumer Cook. 3 from 18, 16.7%. Martin Dayer. 8 from 49, 16.3%.

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MY ROLAND 17 J Frich-Heyez 9-0
PRINCE ALEX 16 A Szewari 9-0.
R. VING COLDURS 3-1 C Benstead 8
R.LLY BOOKED 323 J Hills 8-9
KRISTAL BRIDGE 44 P Hans 8-9
MASHARIE 13 W Hem 9-0.

MASHARIX 13 W Hem 8-9 20 ROCKY DANCE 12 A Jarvis 8-9 ... SHAILERDRA J Gosden 8-9 ...

STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,662. 1m 21 7yd) (17)

COMANCHE COMPANION 10 (D) 7 Nagyton 7-9-1 QUEEN'S INSIGNA 14 (CD.F.E.S) P Cole 4-9-8



Ebadiyla gains an impressive victory in yesterday's Irish Oaks at the Curragh

4.00 SEDLESCOMBE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES

502 (11) 4131 FEEL A LINE 12 (B.D.F.S) B Montan 3-9-0 . M Tebbert 503 (7) 0450 JUBILEE SCHOLARI 98 G L Moore 4-9-0 . Candy Mooris 504 44 4063 MOVE SMARTLY 7 N/D B Mark 1

(9) 0030 SHASHE 18 (F) Pat Mitchell 5-8-11 P Bio (9) 0-00 SMILING BESS 16 J King 4-8-11 Paul (1) 500- SUPER SCRAVELS 268 K Mahdi 3-8-11 R Ptra

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4-1 Feel A Line, 5-1 Proof R Black, 11-2 Prince Of Fortune, 6-1 Shashi, 13-2 Abbasi, 8-1 Jubilee Scholar, Move Smartly, 12-1 others

4.30 SEDILESCOMBE CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES

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2 (4) 4031 STANR 12 (8,COLS) H Camby 9-8 C Reaser
3 (2) 5-00 TROOPER 44 R Alecturat 9-4 Sanders
4 (5) 0160 ZORRO 3 (8F. P) R Florer 8-11 G Hand
5 (6) 4000 PERLETHORPE 9 M Bell 8-11 M Fersion
6 (1) 0624 KEEPSAKE 21 M Usher 8-3 R Sirest
9-4 Stalty, 7-2 Tedion, 4-1 keepsake, 5-1 Zeno, 6-1 Trooper, 8-1 Perfetioner

(2) 32-3 KING KATO 79 Mrs A Parett 4-9-7 Gaye Harwood (3) (4) 0-05 TRIBAL MOON 10 Lady Heriks 4-9-7 P Doc (3) 74 (3) 0625 FRENCH MIST 12 S Dow 3-8-3 D Sat (7) 89 (1) 0-63 LA CURAMALAL 37 6 Wragg 3-8-3 G Milligan 96

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRABEERS: Lady Herries, 7 winners from 34 runners, 29.2%; M Prescott, 11 from 46, 23.9%, B Palling, 4 from 20, 20.0%; P Waleyn, 6 from 30, 20.0%; R Alexands, 16 from 90, 17.8%; M Chemion, 14 from 93, 15.1%.

JOCKEYS: Gaye Hawcood, 3 wkoners from 7 rules, 42.9%, A Minoro, 7 from 30, 23.3%, Paul Eddey, 17 from 94, 18,1%, 6 Doffield, 19 from 107, 17.8%, 7 Speaks, 12 from 68, 17.6%, J Stack, 3 from 17, 17.6%, 7 Gauss, 18 from 118, 15.3%.

☐ Pasternak has the Cambridgeshire Handi-

ap at Newmarket among his long-term options after winning the John Smith's Magnet Cup at York on Saturday. The four-year-old's trainer, Sir Mark Prescott, won the first leg of the autumn double in 1988 with Quinlan Terry.

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(7.30 Windsor)

RICHARD EVANS

5.30 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES MAIDEN

6-4 La Curametal. 13-8 King Kato, 3-1 Franch Mist, 8-1 Tribal Moon,

5.00 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,018: 1m 4f) (6)

STAKES (£2,577; 1m 4f) (4)

(Div I: £1,927: 6f 189yd) (13)

(Div II: £1,927: 6f 189yd) (13)

FOLKESTONE

2.00 Country Garden. 2.30 Moontabeh. 3.00 Kid Ory. 3.30 Princess Topaz. 4.00 Shashi. 4.30 Peerl Dawn. 5.00 Zorro. 5.30 French Mist, Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.30 La Curamalal

DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 HURST GREEN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,277: 6f 189yd) (8 runners)

101 (4) 0 APPYABO 32 M Channon 8-9 P P Marphy (3)	-
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104 (2) 332 COUNTRY GARDEN 37 (8F) R Hamon 8-5 . R Perban	97
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107 (1) 4654 MARI-RA 6 J Amold 8-7 J Quina	97
108 (3) 26 BERMUDA TRIANGLE 34 M Haynes 7-13 Martin Dwyer (3)	97 20
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	MEDICHTABEH 16 (BF) P Watern 9-0 R Hills	
209 (10) 30	NIGHT FLYER 7 (BF) J Hids 9-0 M Henry (3)	ē
210 (14) 0		-
	TIGHTROPE 7 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield	
	ZNAZIE M Haynes 9-0 S Samders	
	JARRAYAN W Hem 8-9 S Whororth	
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3.00 WESTENHANGER HANDICAP

303 (1) SSD- SUPPEME THOUSENT 265 L Colorel 5-9-7 S Sanders 90
304 (4) 1044 RESIST THE FORCE 30 (8F) C Oper 7-9-5 R Recent 5) 94
305 (2) 0432 DOUBLE OSCAR 7 (8,D,G) D Michaels 4-8-12
306 (3) 0000 TYMEERA 20 (C,D,F,S) B Palling 4-8-10 ... T Spoaler 95
307 (5) 9000 STARP RETURN 11 (8,CD,S) M Ryan 3-8-8 G Bardwell - 308 (11) 0010 ARIME 17 (8,D,S) Parkers 5-8-8. R Brishard (7) 96
309 (10) 0245 KID ORY 13 (8,BF,D,6,S) D Chapman 6-8-7. D Wright 97
310 (14) 6-06 WADERS DREAM 33 (V,CD,F) Par Majchael 8-8-7.

311 (9) 0-00 BONSIEL 7 K Mahdi 3-8-3 ... Martin Dayer (3) 312 (5) 4416 PRIORY GARDONS 19 (BF,D,G) J Bradley 3-8-3 ÉDu5≣eld 😭 . JOulmo. 92 5 Duffield 53 (12) 0644 TACHYCARDIA 3 (D.F.) R O'Sulfinan 5-8-0 ... J Dufina 314 (13) 0000 JAAZIM 19 (D.F.G.) M Madgunts 7-7-10 H Varley 90 315 (15) 0005 SEVERN MILL 31 J Bradley 6-7-10 ... D Williams (7) 93

3.30 BROADSTAIRS LIMITED STAKES

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AYR: 2.45 Makahu Don 3 15 Penson Fund, Storyteller, 4 45 Secret Service, FOLKESTONE: 4 30 Donado Beach WINDSOR: 7 00 Docce, Ghorapan: 8 30 Mengaab 9 00 Double Or Bust, Impy Fox WOLVERHAMPTON: 8 15 Mutazz.

Next best: Sharp 'N' Shady (8.00 Windsor)

8.15 BLACKCURRANT HANDICAP **HURDLE (£2.238**: 2m) (4)

WOLVERHAMPTON 54-0 MUTAZZ 37 (B.O.F.G) W Hem 5-12-0 R Ferrant 3-13 BOWNEEL BIL 16 (V.B.C.D.F.G.S) J Jenning 8-11-5 A Magoire 0-40 TAMBO MAN 2 (B.F.D.F.) U STORS 5-10-6 AP MICLOY 000- FLY TO THE END 73 (D.F.S) J.J Opton 7-10-5 L Wyer 11-10 Bigetheel Bill, 3-1 Mutatz, 7-2 Tango Man, 5-1 Fly To The East.

8.45 gooseberry novices selling hurdle (£1,847: 2m) (12)

sizzal, 5-1 Suspiner Villa, 6-1 Bright Eclipse, Chocolaiz Ica, 10-1 Colebro Community Service, Magic Melody, 16-1 others 9.15 BLACKBERRY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,238:	2m 4f 110yd) (4)	
2 2-14 3 /P0 4 0-P4	4 RED LIBERT 16 (E.G) J Junios 5-11-8 - Frame and Fantasy 45 (F) N Chance 6-10-12 4 MEADOWLECK 23 W Young 8-10-0	S Taylor (
10-11 S2M2	u, 5-4 Red Light, 10-1 Fame And Fantasy, 16-1 Meadow	leci.

ı	GOURGE SPECIALISTS
ı	TRANSRS: No qualifiers
	JOCKEYS: M A Fibrogatald, 3 whereas from 7 ricles, 42.9%; Fi Democody, 4 from 15, 26.7%. Unity qualifiers.
	Trainer Peter Bowen plans to give Stately

Galway Plate next month.

season, a run on the Flat before going for the

AYR THUNDERER

3.45 Majal 2.15 Child Prodigy 2.45 THE RICH MAN (nap) 4,45 Florentino

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 CHILD PRODIGY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 GUESSTIMATION (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

DRAW: 5F-6F. HIGH NUMBERS BEST GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 EBF MAIDEN STAKES

1 (3) 2423 HAPPY DAYS 37 (BF) (J Barret) D Moltat 9-0 Dames Moltat (3) 73
2 (5) 3 BOULEVARD ROUSE 24 (K Hodgson) M Johnston 8-9 J Wester 85 3 (2) 30 CHILD PRODERY 26 (R Sangster) J Wasts 8-9
4 (6) MADO BACH I POSCO SERVICE COST COST COST COST COST COST COST COST
6. (4) 4. SELICIPIC ROSE: 54 (J. McLaren) Mass L. Perant 8-9
8 (7) 3 SHEFTING 15 (6 Reed) C Thomas 8-9 D McKeown 81
BETTING: 6-4 Child Product. 4-1 Boulevard Rooge, 5-1 Stalling, 6-1 Happy Days, 8-1 Stalyan, 10-1 Sellink Rose

1998: THE LAMETON WORM 9-0 K Falon (5-4) D Smith 5 A FORM FOCUS

7 to Reap Rewards in auction manden at Ant (6 good to limit). SELVENK PROSE 344 4th of 7 Heavenly Addition in monitor state bere 551. SS SHIFTING about 3344 3rd of 4 to Tapasar at note takes at Domicale (6), good to Soft HAPPY DAYS 4441 3rd of 5 to Rejected in maiden at Haydock (51, good to Sim). BOULEVARD ROUSE 5441 3rd of 9 to Dazzase in residen at Rectar (54, good). CHILD PRODIGY 5431 7th of 18 to Nadvoja io group III Dunen Mary Stales at Ascot (50, good to firm), PLEASANT DREAMS 844, 5th of

2.45 CRAIGLE STAND NURSERY HANDICAP

2-1	/-U: £3	3,513: 7	i) (7 runners)	
1	(1)	2365011	PLOWER O'CANNE 9 (D.S) (Mrs & Rhind) M. W Escleday 9-7 . G Parkin (3)	
2	(3)	212		97
3	(7)	2331	THE RICH MAN 14 (S) (Narsion Stort) B Hills 9-0 # Hills	95
4	(5)	003	FALKEHBERG 14 (B Yeardley Continental) M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver	Œ
5	(4)	61224	MAKAHU DON 17 (B,F) (Dialemyse Racing) W Kemp 7-10 P Fessey (3)	9
6	(2)		MARSICE MACHINE 19 (Marsia Machine Co) N Tirbler 7-10 N Kennedy	90
7	(6)		ELLEGER 13 (Mrs L McKenno) W McKenno 7-10 L. Charnock	33
ang	handica		Don 7-9, Marske Mactione 7-8, Ettenber 7-5	

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PLOWER O'CANNE beal Starmater 21/4 in 7- namer novice size at Beverley (71 100yd, benny). JACMAR 11 2nd of 6 is Bozz in acritics novice at Massashugh (71, goed to soit). THE RICH MAN beat Combinen Careso VH in 6-numer conditions race at Postetand (6), soit). PALMENEERIG 81/4 3rd	MAKAHU DON 1141 2nd of 4 to Electronal claimer at Messelburgh (50 good to solt) on pen invate stant. ELLEMBER 341 3nd of 9 to Fast Fast in seller at Hamilton (61, good to solt).

3.15 PRINCESS ROYAL STAND RANDICAP

(3-Y	-O: £	2,900: 7	7) (11 runners)	
1	(6)	0000228	PERSON FUND 15 (B,D,F) (S Curts) M W Easterby 9-7 T Lucas	94
2	(1)	31-0060	BIFF-EM 13 (G) (Cree Lodge Racing) Miles L Permit 8-13	90
3	(11)	8550322	C-HARRY 31 (3F,D,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollanshead 8-12 F Lynch	97
4			WAGGA MOOR 9 (C Stevenc) J.J. O'Neill 8-11 L Channock	
5	(8)		KAMASHA'7 (G) (Mrs J Hobby) J Berry 8-8	
5	(9)		STORYTELLER 18 (V) (P Green) Mrs. J Ramssian 8-6	
7	(r)	080-003	SEAU ROBERTO 33 (J Amstroog) J Goldie 8-7	95
8	(5)	2155-00	TAZESARIL 11 (S) (Conga Pasiners) D Molfatt 8-0 Derme Molfatt (S)	83
9	(10)	5000863	HI MALITARID 11 (W Imissa) S Kelbewell 7-10	98
10	(3)	0000-0000	CHARSON D'AMOUR 7 (V) (8 Stewart) Miss L Perset 7-10 J Michaely (7)	89
11	(4)	60-4000	ALISADARA 21 (G Alisan) W Bycsolt 7-10 R Winston (7)	92
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3.40 CAMERON LODGE SELLING STAKES

472:	1m 2f 19	92yd) (11 runners).	
· (6)			83
. <i>(ii)</i>	-205310	DIAMONU CRICHIN 7 (F,S) (J Pictop) M Wase 6-9-5 A Wheter (3)	84
(4)	05-60	FIZZY BOY 14 (P Modellin) P Modellin 4-9-5 O Peers	_
(8)	-006312	GUESSTIMATION 7 (BF,D,F,B,S) (Exclusive Two) J Pearce 8-9-5 C Teager (3)	
(5)	04-4005		ä
(10)		MAJAL 21 (P) (Mrs P Wate) J Wannesight 8-8-5	84
(1)		MELETRIANI CITY 18 (B.P.) (T Fresh) Miss L Penalt 4-9-5 J Wigner	86
(9)			65
(tit)			70
(3)		MYSTIC TIMES 7 (P) (C Bureletter) B Mackagent 4-9-0 K Steed (5)	
(2)	46	REBOOK ETTA 3 (Nas A Russell) Mass 1. Perest 3-8-2 N Keepedy	
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1996: HAWMAM 10-9-5 J Lone (25-1) E Alston 11 cm

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4.15 WESTERN HOUSE HANDICAP (£5.121: 5f) (9 runners)

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1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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19 --nature bandkap at Project (6), good), with
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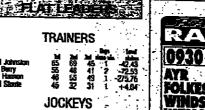
4.45 Breath of Fresh Ayr Limited Stakes

3 (4) 4 (3)	6-02531 P.ORENTINO 6 (F.6) (Listy Har 2302520 NOLFARS 16 (F Westman) R H 500-344 SECRET SERVICE 23 (B.F) (G 0-05200 SAO MAD BAD 20 (S) (F Sad	Head) C Thomas 5-9-8	F Lynch 97	
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7.00 EBF JUNE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,648: 5f 217yd) (22) 080 GPSV MOTH 14 B Meeton R-11.

560 JAY GEF 26 G Margarson R-11
JUNIQLE STORY P WAMPIN B-11

345 MIGHTY MAGE 23 Mrs P Dudiedt R-11
MISS ZARVING R Harmon R-11
PINLIP 6 Lanc. R-17
PROCESS DEVA Dr J Scargul 8-11

0 DUZ SHOW 24 R Harmon R-11
RISADA D Loder R-11
ROBSART J Franchere R-11 R Coemate 7
R Havin (3) 13
Pat Eddery 17
Paul Eddery 20
J Tate 4
Dane O'Neil 1
DR McCabe 6 9.00 RAFFLES NIGHTCLUB AND PIPER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (\$2,898: 51 10yd) (17)

9-2 Sada, 6-1 Dodo, 7-1 Jungle Story, Risado, 8-1 Dooze, M-ss Zalonic, 10-1 Blue Zota, 14-1 others 7.30 CROWN RECRUITMENT & TRAINING RATED HANDICAP (£4,737: 1m 2t 7yd) (10)

AINING RATED HANDUCAY (24,73/: 177 27 /yd) (10)

410 THE DILETTANTI 37 (D.F.6) 1 Toller 4-9-7 ... \$ Sanders 4

3 84-0 DANCE SO SLIDE 82 (C.F.6.S) P Cole 5-9-1 ... Tourn 1

3 1416 SREAK THE RULES 9 (D.F.6.S) D Richels 5-8-10 . Ales, Grasses 5

4-34 8T ON THE SIDE 31 (D.6.S) N Berry 8-8-8 ... \$ Domans 6

5 4-34 8T ON THE SIDE 31 (D.6.S) N Berry 8-8-8 ... \$ Domans 6

6 -000 VALIA 26 (F) R Cardina 4-8-7 ... Pat 6ddby 10

7 4-10 SPT TOKEN 21 (F) 0 Caspail 3-8-5 ... \$ Carter 2

8 1620 PUTURE PERFECT 27 (F, S) P Cale 3-8-0 ... Martin Dayer (S) 8

10 2100 RIVER'S SOURCE 15 (D.F. 8 Hals 3-7-12 ... Martin Dayer (S) 8

10 2100 RIVER'S SOURCE 15 (D.F. 8 Hals 3-7-12 ... R Presch (5) 9 4-1 Sor Talbot, 5-1 Future Perfect, 6-1 The Otlettanti, 8A On The Sade, River's. Source, 7-1 Gift Token, 8-1 Break The Rules, Yalka, 10-1 others

York Going: good to firm (good in places)
2.00 (6) 1, Marfin's Ring (L Denot, 11-8
lav; 2, Requestor (5-2), 3, Up Ar The Top
(10-1), 14 ran NR: Bolfin Arm, 1/4, 1/5/, 1
Bakting Tore: 52 10, £1 40, £7 50, £2 10
UF £3 00 Trio £13 40 CSF; £4 73 2.35 (6) 214yd) 1, Tracking (h. Falion, 4-6 fav); 2, Prose (7-2); 3. The Glow-Worm (9-2) 4 ron NR Cumbrian Caruso Hd, 1½1, H Cecil Total E1 60 DF £1 80 CSF, £2 98 3.10 (8) 214 y/d) 1, Stackattack (F Lynch, 9-2 lay); 2, Anonym (16-1); 3, Present Chance (20-1), 4, Grey Kingdom (7-1), 16 ran NR Persan Fayre, Raheen, 1%, sh hd. Mrs. J. Ramsden Tote 24 40; 21.40, 23 90; 25 50; 2140 DF 57170 Thm 5893.60 CSF 579.34 Tricast £1,309.39

2:3.94 Incast E1,389.89 3.40 (1m 51 194yd) 1, Benatom (K Fallon 4-1), 2, Wille Conquer (2-1 fav), 3, Cuff Lnk (12-1) 7 ran NR Poltart, Top Cess. 1 bt, 41. H Cect. Tota: 56 10, 52 20, £1 80 DF: 57 10, Tno. £34 90 CSF: £12.67 Tncast: £85 10. 295 10.
4.15 (1m.21.85yd) 1. Pasternak (G Duffield, 13-2); 2. Najm Mubben (16-1); 3. Game Ploy (12-1). 4. Star Manager (20-1). Humourless, Korn 4-1 i-lays, 21 ran 1-l. nl; M Prescott Tote £8.60; £3.10, £5.60, £2.20, £5.60, DF-£337.70 Tno £2.316.00 CSF, £111.63 Tricast, £1,186.11 After a siewards inquey, result stood.
4.45 (61.1. Farawer Lass (D Horrison.

Steward Strigger, Result Stood.
4.45 (6) 1, Feramory Less (D Herrison.
14-1); 2, Bertzoe (12-1); 3, Zuhar (33-1); 4,
Oggi (4-1 tax); 21 ran NR So Intrepad Hd,
14). Lord Huntingdon. Tore £17.00; C2.90,
£4.00, £20.90, £1.70 DF: £122.50 Troc
£1,781.70 CSF £165.97 Tncest.
£5.054.24 5.15 (5f) 1. Socket Set (M Roberts, 7-2), 2, Mystolsm (3-1 favi 3, Grand Estate (100-30), 7 ran %L 3l 8 McMahon Tote* 25 00; 12.50, 01 90 DF: 07 30, CSF, 014 55.

Jackpot: £25,321.40. Placepot: £81.50. Quadpot: £87.80. Chester Going: good to firm

2.10 (7) 2yd) 1. Lord Smith (P Fessay, 5-2 fay), 2. Dut Like Mage: (10-1); 3. Lord Ol Love (11-1) 10 ran 94, 8. M Pipe Tote 2 90, 21 60, 53,60, 24 00. DF, 521 90. Tro 582 30. CSF: £26 66 Treast £221 02 282 30. CSF: £56 66 Threast £221 02 2.45 (1m 71 195yd) 1, Rex Mundi (JF Egan, 8-1) 2. Hera Cornes Heible (11-2); 3. Great Oration (8-1), Tolby 3-1 lav 11 ran Sh hd. kl P Evans: Tole: £9 60, £2 70, £1 70, £2 50 DF: £27.50. Tho: £88.60 CSF £50 47. Tricost: £344.32

230 et. HRSSE 2344.32 3.15 (SI 16yd) 1. Tedburrow (D Griffiths, 10-1); 2. Bishopo Coun (9-4 tavi; 3. Zegny's Dancer (16-1); 9 ran 1 % th. E. Alston Tote: \$11.80, \$2.20, \$1.40, \$2.20 DF: \$18.10. Tho \$25.50 CSF \$31.34 3.50 (5) 16yd) 1, Huntswood (R Hughes, 15-9) 2, Take A Tum (7-4 lev), 3, Farndon Princess (7-1), 6 ran, 2, 144 R Hannon Tote (3.00, (2.10, 2), 50 OF- 2 70 CSF (5.2) 4.25 (6) 18yd) 1, Islamehad (Paul Eddery, 8-11 (av. The Times Private Handicascer's

top rating), 2. Heavenly Abstone (10-1), 3, Jimmy Too (7-2) 6 ran 143, nk G Lews Tole £1 70, £1 30, £2,80 DF £5 30 CSF-£8.84

2.0.04 4.55 (1m 2i 75yd) 1. Ambideatrous (J F Egan, 11-4 f-lav), 2. Keep Batting (10-1), 3. Med Mittan (9-2) Brandon Jack 11-4 f-lav 7 ran. Sh hd, 11/51 E Alston Tote \$2.70; \$1.40, \$2.20 DF \$20.90 CSF \$2.99.93 After a stewards inquiry, result stood

Lingfield Park 2.20 1. Leibeq (5-1), 2, Rumuz (7-2); 3, Versatifity (56-1), Ninth Chord 6-5 lav 9 ran 2.55 1, Cedsette (20-1); 2, Mahboob (7-1). 2.55 1. Cedsette (20-1); 2. Mahboob (7-1). 3. Murmoon (14-1). Herminus 11-10 lav 9

3, Murroon (14-1), Herminus 11-10 lav a ran.
4.00 1, Cadeaux Tryst (3-1), 2, Tregaron (6-1); 3, Star Talent (13-2) Brave Kris 7-4 fax, 8 ran.
3.25 1, Master Mac (6-1), 2, hony's Joy (5-1); 3, Marrora Bay (8-1) Majic Rainbow 7-2 fax 10 ran.
4.35 1, Papplett (4-1 kay, 2, arquisti (12-1); 3, hony Down (16-1), 13 ran
5.05 1, Melodica 9-4 ray); 2, Crystal Hills (10-1), 3, Seattle Art (3-1), 8 ran, NR Henbury Princess

Salisbury 2.15 1, Faktir (2-1 lav), 2, Royal Bounty (11-2); 3, Chattan (10-1) 14 ran, NR: Thundering Papoose 2.50 1, Tawalek (11-4), 2, Mighty Phantom (11-4), 3, Alanco (9-1) Chamwood Jack 2-1 lav 8 ran 3.20 1. Sword Arm (11-2); 2. Dukonea (100-30 lavi; 3. Begonal (20-1); 11 ran NR-Abgany, Interdeam 3.55 1. Credit Squeeze (20-1); 2. Foundaned (5-1); 3. Rising Spray (9-1); Chris's Lad 9-2 lav. 15 ran 4.30 1. Paristan Lady (7-4 lav; Thunderer's nep); 2. Silver Strad (9-2); 3. Robeens (3-1); 9 ran NR: Phons Alex.

(3-1), 9 rain NAt Prioria Alex.
5,00 1, Meranti (7-1), 2, Erupt (10-1); 3, Write Seitler (14-1), Farry Prince 5-1 tav 15 rain, NAT Soveregins Court
5,30 1, Docksider (10-1), 2, Night Shot (8-1); 3, Beneventus (12-1) Desert Arrow 7-4 tav, 13 rain NR, Lear Spoar Southwell

6.45 1. Santella Boy (8-11 lav), 2, Rayman (12-1); 3, Hope Thatch (9-2), 11 mm, 7.15 1, Wiss Advics (7-1); 2, Andretot (11-4), 3, Sigma Run (6-1), Maggots Green 9-4 fev, 8 mm 9-4 lev 8 ran 7.45 1. Bayerd (16-1), 2. Desert Force 13-1), 3. Hacketts Cross (6-1), Hello Me Man 9-4 lev 9 ran NR Out Ranking. 8,15 1. Meee (15-6 fav), 2, Bullens Bay (5-2); 3. Eskimo Kiss (9-1) 9 ran. (p-g); 3, Exemo NISS (9-1) 9 ran. 8,45 1, Caddy's First (16-1), 2, More Bills (20-1); 3. Battleship Bruce (8-1) Tango Man 5-2 tav 13 ran. 9,15 1, Apachee Flower (5-1), 2, Scud Misolle (6-4 tav); 3, Bright Sapphire (9-1) 6 Warwick

VVELWICK
8.30 1 Fayrana (6-5 lavt; 2, Universal Lady
9-2): 3, Sing For Me (33-11 12 ran NR:
Amiazapphile.
7.00 1, Arzani (3-1 tav); 2, Fooksh Flutter
(10-11, 3, Runic Symbol (7-2) 10 ran
7.30 1, Indigo Dawn (11-2), 2, Hilliswick
(16-11, 3, May king Mayhem (5-1) Schmozolic
4-1 tav 12 ran
8.00 1, River Tern (8-1), 2, Besu Venture
(10-1), 3, Sherp Shoch (20-1) Mullagh Hill
Lad 11-4 (N-lav 10 ran NR: Forzara.
8.30 1, Sweet Forthus (11-4), 2, Jornocks (4-1); 3, Awass (9-1) Made Bold 5-2 lav 13 ran
9.00 1, Midyan Queen (20-1), 2, Scoret
Combe (14-1), 3, Cantibean Star (11-2)
Farloy Green 4-1 g-fav 12 ran

Friday's details

Chester

GREDSIOW
6.40 1 With A Will (14-1), 2 Saratoga Red (7-1): 3. Kewarra (9-1). 11 ran
7.10 1, Gold Lance (12-1), 2, D Woodshook
(20-1), 3, Jazar Strive (50-1), 4, Zahran
(11-1) 19 ran, NR Speedy Snapa Pnde
7.40 1. Graceful Lass (9-4), 2 Seucatillo Bey
(7-1): 3. Snow Parridge (5-1) 5 ran
8.10 1, Mugello (7-4); 2, Tempus Fugit (3-1),
3, Alfighe (6-4 lay), 4 ran
8.40 1, Dayville (7-1); 2, Chewit (7-2 | 4-av);
3, M Bergerac (11-2) 8 ran, NR Rudit Pet
9.10 1, Silow Forum (7-2 fav); 2, Supermick
(12-1) 3, Opera Buff (9-2), 10 ran

7.20 1, Pierpoint (11-4), 2, inchalong (11-4), 3, Mouelon (9-4 lav) 5 ran 7.50 1. Paldost (33-1) 2. Francistar (33-1). 3. Leading Princesa (7-2) 11 ran B.20 1, Askern (3-7) Br/, 2 Nobby Barnes (12-1), 3, Monte Cavo (7-1), 15 ran NR. Leil The Lucky, 8.50 1, Urgent Repty (5-2); 2, Latvian (Evens tay); 3, Cols Na Farrage (6-1); 7 ran NR Monaco Gold

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

CRESTER
6.30 1. Myttens Misstake (5-2 lav); 2. Silver Harrow (13-2); 3. Baltard Lady (7-1) 12 ran NR My Handsome Prince, Partitler
7.00 1. Nichole Fifty (7-1); 2. Step Jig (6-1); 3. Arming (2-1 lav); 8 ran
7.30 tim 44 68yd); 1. Vertidiam (7-2); 2, Twight Siege (6-1); 3. Bardon Hill Boy (8-1) 7 ran NR- Straffishayes.
8.00 1. Yabint E Sultan (9-1); 2. Villarica (11-2); 3. Sceptie Lady (11-2); 5 ran NR-Highly Respectad.
8.30 1. The Gay Fox (7-1); 2. Polish Warmor (3-1 lav); 3. Swino (14-1); 8 ran NR-Denostherightaway.
9.00 1. Bright Water (5-2); 2. Maralingo (6-1); 3, Premier Bay (15-2); 6 ran.

Chepstow

Hamilton Park

6.45 Ordog Mor. 7.15 Final Pride. 7.45 Wilkins, 8.15 Tango Man. 8.45 Chocolate Ice. 9.15 Red Light, GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

6.45 RASPBERRY NOVICES CHASE (£3,260: 2m 4l 110yd) (7 runners) 1 -115 ORDOG MOR 15 (D.F.G) Mittaggiet 8-11-12 AF McCoy 2 84-4 HUGH DAMELS 16 (G) C Hemsley 9-10-12 Miss A Dudley (7) 3 0700 TAYLORS HIGHT-KER 5 R J Photo 6-10-12 T J Musphy 4 22P THE YOKEL 44 (B) 8 Bags 1-1-10-12 P Hories (3) 5 0-4P ITSCONMASTRIE 30 P Powen 6-10-7 R Johnson 7 90-0 WOODLANDS ENERGY 20F P Prichad 6-10-7 C LI-revilyon 4-5 Ordog Mor. 7-2 The Yolkel 8-1 Hugh Daniels, Miss Sculer, 10-1 Taylors Hightyer, Ingonizashme 20-1 Woodbards Energy

7.15 STRAWBERRY HANDICAP

7.45 RED CURRANT CLAUMING HURDLE (£1,987: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

5 PO4- HALHAM TARN 96 (S) H Marner, 7-10-10 A Dowling (7) 6 0 FLICKERNOL LIGHT 31 P Beaumout 5-10-8 B Supple 7 500- LONACROFT 21F (D.C) C Popters 5-10-5 R Featrant

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AUSTRALIAN RULES AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Sydney 11 13 (79) bt Essendon 11.12 (78): Richmond 22.13 (145) bt Hawthom 10.9 (89): West Coast 12.13 (85) bt Port Adelaide: 9.13 (87): Adelaide 10.18 (75) bt 3t Kida 9.1 (86): Melbourne 19.11 (119) bt Cathon 15.19 (109); Brisbane 27.11 (137) bt Westlam Buildogs-11.7 (73): Collingwood 25 10 (160) bt Framarde 9.6 (60); Geeting 15.12 (102) bt North Melbourne 14.8 (92). BASEBALL

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ALEXANDER STADIUM Birmingsam: British championships (including world championship teats: first two quality forgreat British team): Floats: Men. 100m; 1,1 Macklei (Pitreave) 10.28se; 2, D Campbel (Belgrave) 10.29; 3, D Chambers (Belgrave) 10.42, 800m; 1, A Hart (Coventry Godiva) 1mm 46.38sec; 2 M Sessy (Leeds Cay) 147.36; 3 P Walker (Edinburgh) 1:47.82, 1,500m; 1, J Mayork (Common control controls)

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Gillespie Birchfeld 13:39.72, 110m; hardes; 1, Lamat (Hadnopy) 13:38sec; 2, C Jackson (Brecon AAA) 13:39; 3, A Tuilloch (McMertampton and Biston) 13:55 400m; hardes; 1, C Rawhiston, (Rothertampton and Biston) 13:55 400m; hardes; 1, C Rawhiston, (Rothertampton and Biston) 13:55 400m; hardes; 1, C Rawhiston, (Rothertampton and Essex; Bougles; 50:002; 3, P Gray-(Ihames Valley H) 50:35 3,000m; steeple-chase; 1, R Hough (Heilemshite H) Amin 11:44sec; 2, S Duwal (Carmook and Stafford) 8:46.17; 3, M O'Doud (Swindon) 8:47.99. Long (Jump: 1, S Phillips (Roughy) 7:58m; 2, C Dawidson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 7:52; 3, O O'muran (Bournemuth) 7:55 Tricle (Jump: 1, E Agyerong (Strafesbury) 16:48; 2, J Golley (Tharmes Valley) 16:34; 3, L Achiles (Shaffandony) 15:77. Shot; 1, S Pictering, (Heimpey) 19:25m; 2, M Smson (Belgrave) 19:11; 3, S Heyward (Sale) 18:18; Diocus; 1, R Weir (Bergave) 19:25, M Smson (Belgrave) 19:11; 3, S Heyward (Sale) 18:18; Diocus; 1, R Weir (Belgrave) 70:92; 3, M Jones (Srattlebury) 18:48; 3, M Faston (Sarrey WC) (Cardif) 42:31:39; 3, M Easton (Sarrey WC) 42:37:98; Woment 100m; 1, S Jacobs (Shaffasbury) 11:50sec; 2, M Bell (Cardif) 42:31:39; 3, M Easton (Sarrey WC) 42:37:98.

(Coversity BMC) 42min 21 83 epc. 2, 14 Bed. (Coversity BMC) 4237.198. Women: 100m; 1, S. Jacobs (Shaflesbury) 11.50sec; 2, M Richardson (MSE) 11.50s. 2, M Richardson (MSE) 11.50s. 2, M Richardson (MSE) 11.55, 3, B Kinch (Hounslow) 11.82, 2, M Perre (Croydon) 5.182, 2, M Perre (Proylon) 5.315. 3, L. Hanson (Buchiseld) 53.73. 800m; 1, K Holmes: (Amy) 1min 58 66sec; 2 H Parry (Sherarsei Amy) 1min 58 66sec; 2 H Parry (Sherarsei H) 212.20; 3 C Ravan (Coversity) Godina) 15:30.95; 2, Y. MacDougad (Glasgoiv AC) 16:30.01; 3, L MacDougad (Glasgoiv AC) 16:30.01; 14, Marry (Motherwell) 15:30.95; 2, Y. MacDougad (Glasgoiv AC) 1.81m; 2, S Jones (Migan) 1.88; 3, J. Jernings (Essex Ladies) 1.85 Pole vault; 3, J. Jernings (Essex Ladies) 1.85 Pole vault; 3, Marrison (Shaftesbury Barner) 14.70m; 2, M Griffin (MSE) 13.11; 3, C Harry (Unstached) 12:48 Sinct; 1, J Oeless (Croydon) 18:42m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) Barner) 14.71. Discus: 1, S Draw (Sultan H) 58 16m; 2, T Auten (Shaftesbury) 55:00. 3, E Politoyd (Shaftesbury) 55:00. 3, E Rodrined (Darvo) 56:00m; 3, L Bardley (Shaftesbury) 50:00m; 3, L Bardley (Shaftesbury) 50:

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TURKU, Finland: European under-23 champlorshipe: (GB unless stated) Finals: Merr 100mt 1, A Pavaleakie (Gr) 10.18sec; 2, C Calado (Port 10.28; 3, M Devorist 10.32; 6, J. Hernthom 10.48, 200m; 1, J. Golding 20.48; 2, A Affans (t) 20.58, 3, R. Pilercayk (Pol) 20.87; 5, D. Money 20.99, 400m; 1, M. Hybrot 45.71; 2, P. Hazzak (Pol) 45.72; 3, K. Provost (Bel) 45.99 800m; 1, A. Longo (t) 11m 46.49sec; 2, A Bucher (Swizz) 147.13; 3, G. Krzotsek (Pol) 147.45; 15.00m; 1, R. Eslewez (Sp) 342.27; 2, C. Garcia (Sp) 343.24; 3, A vasile (Rom) 343.36; 5,000m; 1, S. Zaron (t) 1345.90; 2, R. Bernadi (t) 13-47.08; 3, S. Likin (Russ) 13-60, 40; 5, N. Cucidy 13-58, 44, 8, K. Bowdfich 14-07 13, 110m hundles: 1, F. Bissemann (Ger) 13-58.es; 2, S. Peters (Ge) 13-54, 7, D. Greaves 13-52, 400m hundles: 1, Souche (Cz) 49.08; 2, M. Schelbert (Switz) 49.43; 3, X. Ravend (Fr) 49.63, 3,000m steeplechase: L. DiPardo (t) 8mh; 34.24sec; 2, V. LeBauphin (Fr) 8-36.52; 3, K. Tornsky (Russi) 8-37.81; Long jumpo 1; C. Calado (Por) 8-32m; 2, K. Sousnov (Russ) 8-30, 3, A. Krawczyk, (Pol) 59.54m; 2, T. Snervo (Finand) 57-20; 3, K. Crupdnin (Ulgaina) 56.78. Triple jump: 1, V. Taranov (Russ)

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INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Benishing 139 Devon 120; Herefordsing 100 Gioussistem 140. MURAS CUP: Durham 92 Cumbria 139. Muras cupin 100 I amendate 100. MOUTHANS CUT: JURNAM SZ CUMDORA 139. Northumbertand 126 Lanzaskire 108. HONGE COUNTES LEAGUE: Middlesser 114 Kent 116; Odordshire 119 Surney 126 EASTERN COUNTES LEAGUE: Heritord-shire 119 Nortolk 97; Sulficilk 136 Essex 97. BOXING

LAKE TAHOE. Nevada: World Boxing Council Heavyweight championship: I Levis (5B, holder) or H Aldrivande (5B) dieg §th. (Els holder) or H Aldrivande (5B) dieg §th. (Els holder) or H Aldrivande (5B) dieg §th. (Els holder) of H Aldrivande (5B) dieg §th. (Els holder) of Hampionship: S Oliver (Frietley) of S Politikin (Fr) prs. World Boxing Cauncil international super-bardanweight championship: P Mallings (Hampion) of F Larry (Fr) so: 14, WBC international super-bardanweight championship: P Mallings (Hampionship: Els WBC (Els) of S G Bh. International Boxing Faderation Inter-continental middlesweight championship: E Pollarisas (Russ) bi G Jacobs (Gasgow) pts. European beavyweight denty inter-continental middlesweight championship: E Pollarisas (Russ) bi G Jacobs (Gasgow) pts. European beavyweight denty inter-continental middlesweight (Britis). M Tail (Hamow) bi LBut (Chesserfield) pts. Light-heavyweight (Britis). M Beyer (Ger) bi S Andrews (Pymouth) rac 5th: (Britis) O Klementsen (Nor) bit R Camin (US) rac 3rd. Super-weight (Amals): T Adams (Baskforn) dew with I Sebaduales (British).

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18.34m; 2, M Safudin (Russ) 16.29; 3, T Erogloobgo 16.29. Pole wast: 1, Y Sranyagir (Russ) 5 70m; 2, M Maranda (Sp) 5 50m; 3, P Sposek (C2) S.50m; 3, P Sposek (C2) S.50m; 1, Tilden (Beta) 74.46m; 2, S. Ziolkowsle (Pol) 73 88; 3, N Avissevich (Beta) 72.40; Decarbiton: 1, K. Satkermaier (Ser) 7.9250s; 2, A Yurkov (Ukr) 7.838; 3, P Visi (Fr) 7.988; Women: 100m; 1, N. Nesnori (Bul) 11.50sac; 2, E Möller (Gar) 11.53; 3, M Digbo (Fr) 7.988; Women: 100m; 1, N. Nesnori (Bul) 11.50sac; 2, E Möller (Gar) 11.53; 3, M Digbo (Fr) 11.54; 200m; 1, A Curbichley 50.85; (Scottish record): 2, E Detersone (C2) 22.57; 2, S Ghosh (Ger) 22.90; 3, K Bertin (Fr) 23.19, 400m; 1, A Dutchishley 50.85; (Scottish record): 2, H Beresone (C2) 51.82; 3, C Angerhasuer (Ger) 53.45; 800m; 1, I Naciento (Ukraine) 2min 1.72sac; 2, D Flut (Pol) 202.44; 3, 1 Concharous (Russ) 202.72; 1, 1500m; 1, A Suddesone (C2) 4/13.92; 2, L Chojecta (Pol) 4/14.70; 3, N Chemyshova (Br) 4/15.43; 10.000m; 0 Jevito (Vur) 32.44/22; 2, A Sandal (Fri) 32.48.57; 3, S Larsen (Nor) 33:11 (9, 100m hurdes; 1, Korotys (Fluss) 12.97sec; 2, D Allarigreson 13.03; 3, J Halkosho, (Fri) 13.53; 4 x 100m nelay; 1, Germany 43.94; 2, Russie 44.41; 3, Kny 44.73; High jump; 1, Y Lyskibova (Huss) 1.97m; 2, K Bergqytet (Sweden) 1.93; 3, D Rath (Ger) 1.91; Shot: 1, N Kletner (Ger) 18.27m; 2, C de Bruin (Hol) 18.06; 3, Y Korotchik (Bela) 17.98 Discuss: 1, C de Bruin (Hol) 57:72m; 2, K Herring (Ger) 56.78; 3, Y Korotchik (Bela) 17.98 Discuss: 1, C de Bruin (Hol) 57:72m; 2, K Herring (Ger) 55.78; 3, Y Korotchik (Bela) 17.98 Discuss: 1, C de Bruin (Hol) 57:72m; 2, K Herring (Ger) 56.78; 3, Y Korotchik (Bela) 17.98 Discuss: 1, C de Bruin (Hol) 57:72m; 2, K Herring (Ger) 55.95; 3, M Pitsenen (Fri) 55.94; 4, K Momenn 54.14, Heptetfilor: 1, K Gutjert (Ger) 64.38; 3, 1 Spruiss 61.70. Javafin: 1, 1 Lupa (Fri) 56.48m; 2, A Serdyuk (Bela) 55.56; 3, M Pitsenen (Fri) 55.94; 4, K Momenn 55.95; 10, K Sotherton 5,505.

STUTTGART: International meeting: Merc. 100m; 1, A. Bokton (Tim) 9.90sec; 2, M. Greene (US) 10.04; 3, D. Michael (US) 10.12, 200m; 1, Bokton 19,77sec; 2, Greene 19.29; 3, F. Feedericks (Nam), 19.93; 400m; 1, M. Campbell (US) 44.67; 2, J Young (US) 44.93; 3, D. Clarke (Jem), 45.21, 200m; 1, F. Nobuse (Jem), 45.21, 200m; 1, F. Nobuse (Jem), 45.21, 200m; 1, P. Nobuse (Jem), 33.38; 3, R. Sarval (Ger), 33.40, 110m hurdles; 1, A. Johnson (US), 12.97sec; 2, A. Gercie (Cuba), 13.11; 3, F. Schwarthoff (Ger), 13.21, 400m hurdles; 1, L. Herbert (SA), 47.97; 2, B. Bronson (US), 47.92; 3, S. Diagene (Fr), 48.44, Triple jump; 1, C. Freedek (Ger), 17.45m; 2, Y. Ouesse (Cuba), 17.14; 3, N. Michiongus (Ger), 5.70m; 2, A. Settiff (US), 65.14; 3, J. Schuli (Ger), 64.82, Womeer, 100m; 1, G. Torrence (US), 11.07sec; 2, C. Aumse (Nigeria), 11.18; 3, M. Paschke (Ger), 11.17, 200m; 1, M. Gansbord (Aus), 22.23; 2, J. Campbell (Jem), 22.65; 3, A. Bitar (Sovenia), 22.95, 400m; 1, C. Freeman (Aus), 49.96; 2, F. Ogunkoya, (Nigeria), 49.91; 3, C. Opere (Nigeria), 10.18; 20.75, 300m; 1, A. Guiter (Cuba), Inm. 55; 78ec; 2, T. Hodgidrison (NZ), 159.29; 3, M. Demuro-Ave (US), 20.006; 100m hurdles; 1, M. Morrison (US), 12.74sec; 2, C. Dickey, US), 12.83; 3, B. Bukovac (Stovenia), 12.85; 400m; 1, S. Freeman (US), 12.006; 100m hurdles; 1, M. Morrison (NZ), 159.29; 3, M. Demuro-Ave (US), 20.006; 100m hurdles; 2, A. Hauglinon (Lism), 35; 19. Subscher (Ger), 130, Long, 190; 3, H. Sancenbacher (Ger), 130, Long, 190;

6.70. 3. L Golding (Jam) 6.57

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STUTTGART: International meeting: Men:

ROAD RACES: Tour of Heritordshire (Welleyn, 91 miles): 1, M Becketh (Cardill JIF) 3hr 34min 0sec; 2, J Bayfield (Controllwerly; 3, A Heritord (Velor) all same time Welleyn College (Weaverham, Cheghes, 82 miles): 1, M Jones (Paramount CRT) 3hr 09min 12sec; 2, A Mills (Kirkby CC); 3, S. Ramsay (Deesde Camprodale) all same time. CYCLING BOELANDS FARM HILL: Army testival: Inter-Services his climb chempionship (650 yards) 1, LI T David (Royal Mannes) Imin 25ec; 2, L/Cpl A Urquinen (Army CU)

126. 3, CPO A Gato (Royal Navy) 1.31
Team; Royal Navy, Army championship
(10 miles) 1, LCDI K Murray (RE), 20mm
25sec; 2, Sqt D Clarke (REME), 21.10; 3,
WC2 P Haggerly (REME), 21.38 interServices 25-miles championship: 1, LCDI
K Murray (RE) 55mm 51sec (championship
record); 2, PO R Wisson (Royal Navy), 51.18
3, FO R Beny (RAF) 54:21 Team; Army CLI
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TME TRIALS: RTTC 100-kilometre team champloreship (frechum St Morv, Devon):
1, North Winst Velo (M. Board), B Harvaod, J Remabotion, C Mexicon) 2n 11mm 56ccc;
2, Addias-SoCon (P. West, A Winstson, P. Manning, G. Holmes) 212-30, 3, Team Clean (S. Yates, T. Streens, D. Pacting, A. Stapleton), 212-40 Westh CA open 50-mile championship (Ragian), 1, C Pritchart (Condor Cycles Ri); 1hr Strim 45ccc (course record); 2, S Howels (Connum CC), 153,10; 3, M. Biops, (knom RT), 153-32. Team Harlech (Wreelers, 553-02). Other traits: Winness: Nortond Combane (Tempstord, Bedfortchile, 100 miles); 1. M. Biops, (knom RT), 153-32. Team Harlech (Wreelers, 553-02). Other traits: Winness: Nortond Combane (Tempstord, Bedfortchile, 100 miles); 1. M. Biops, (knom RT), 153-32. Team Harlech (Wreelers, 100 miles); 1. M. Bross, 100 miles); 1. M. Bross, 100 miles; 1. M. Bross, 100 miles; 1. M. Whetchead (VC Deal); 2hr 5/min 37-5cc (course and event record). Dundee CA (Dundee-Peth, 30 miles); 0. Sissec, (Course and event record). Dundee CA (Dundee-Peth, 30 miles); 0. Sissec, (Course); 1. M. Schotland, 11 defined Accountants; 50 miles; 1. M. State, 100 closely Wreelers; 51mm 015ec (course record). Norfolk Phart (Course record). Scrim; 15ec (Course Record). TIME TRIALS: RTTC 100-kilometre team

FOOTBALL

MOUNTAIN BIKES: Same (Southern Area) series fourth round, Creckendon, near Reading, 25 miles): Ment 1, 8 Clarks (fleam Raticipa): 11x 51mm 48cec; 2, C Surgeon (fleam Orangel): 11xcc; 3, P Lineuthy (Marcedes-Marin): at 2sec. Women (20 miles): 3 Copins (Blaceonin-Raticiph 147.20 Neet Welsh series (fauth round, Rhonoda Hartisse Certine 20 miles): 1 Lecensah (Cardill Jif ; 2x 11mm 48cec; 2, J Wilberns (CC Abergerenne): at 3 51, 2, A 5mm (Gent): at 1 so: Final overall positions: 1 Jeremah, Women: R Pichert (Peugeot-Mi Racing).
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positions: I Jeternah, Women, R Puchett (Peupech-Misseng).

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INTERTOTO CUP: Group one: Aalborg (Den) 2 Dynamo Minsk (Belay 1...SV)
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(at Lucerne)

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Great Britain (Tucker, Louzado) 7:00 Cordess fours: 1, Denmart Stron 56sec; 2, Germany 5:58; 3, Italy 5 0.6 Great Britain (Withamson, Watson, Strange, Butt) 6:08 Eights: 1, Austraha Stron 99sec; 2, Great Britain (Bown, Webb, Lamon, McNiven, Hershidwood, Haritand, Balver, Keys, Deallin 15:43, 3, taly 5:44 WOMEN: Scullis: 1, Belatus (# hodotorich) 7mm 26sec; 2, Denmark (Harsen) 7:30, 2, Bulgana (Nerykova; 7:30, 7, Great Britain I (Bastien) and Oreal Buttain II Lavend unplaced Double Scullis: 1, Germany 6mm 48sec; 2, Switzerland 6:51, 3, Austraha 6:54, 4, Great Britain (Battein and Lind'av) 6:57, Quad Scullis: 1, Germany 1:625, No Great Britain entry Cordess polins: 1 Romania 7mm 07sec; 2, Germany 1:625, No Great Britain (Battein and Trita) 3, Austraha 7:13, 4, Great Britain (Battein and 17th; 3, Austraha 7:13, 4, Great Britain (Battein and 17th; 3) Austraha 7:13, 4, Great Britain (Battein and 17th; 3) Austraha 7:13, 4, Great Britain (Battein and 17th; 3) Austraha 7:13, 4, Great Britain (Battein and 17th; 3) Denmari 7:13, Holland 6:21, No Greet Britain entry Lightweights: Duble Scullis: 1, Conada 7mm 00:sec; 2, Germany 7:01, 3, Denmari 7:01, 3, Great Britain II (Hobson, Berclevi) 7:41, 2, Great Britain II (Hobson, Berclevi) 7:41, 2, Great Britain II (Hobson, Britain Dale, Morris, Nirsch, Wattis 6:42 Scullis: 1, Germany 7:01, 3, Great Britain II (Hobson, Britain Dale, Morris, Nirsch, Wattis 6:42 Scullis: 1, Germany 7:09, 2, Great Britain II (Hobson, Britain Dale, Morris, Nirsch, Wattis 6:42 Scullis: 1, Germany 200pte; 2, Great Britain 101; 3, Romana 88: 4, Denmari 7:3; 5, France 70

SCHOOLS SPORT

Frederic Moncassin, left, Erik Zabel, centre, and Nicola Minali sprint the final section of the eighth stage

in the Tour de France, which Zabel won to remain second overall to Cédric Vasseur. Results, page 31

Athletics

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63.30m. Javelin: P Sharpe (Lancashre) 68 50m. Discus: S Williams (Hampshre) 52 50m 4 x 100m relay: Essa 42 65 sec Junior. 100m: M Laws-France. (West Matiands) 10.93 sec. 200m: T Anthony (Herthordshre) 22.35 sec. 400m: M Snow (Northamptoreshre) 50.78 sec. 500m: K Desa (Northambertand) 2mm 00 obser 1,500m: M Faraf (Middlesse Obser 1,500m: Discussion) 3.00m: Discussion (Middlesse Obser 1,500m: Discussion (Middlesse Obse

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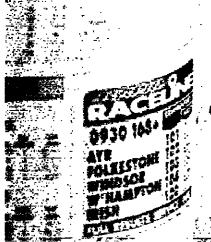
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Barnes ready for brave new world

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE euphoria created by the exploits of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski at Wimbledon is giving tennis almost a surfeit of the "feelgood" factor. Nowhere is this more important than among the young. probably ensuring that tennis will become a significant growth sport in in Britain in the next decade.

This new enthusiasm is evident at the established centres of tennis. lan Barclay, the director of the Lawn Tennis Association's boys elite squad at Bisham Abbey, said that the Wimbledon performances "have enthused all the younger ones to do better - they see that goals can be attained".

His view is echoed by Adrian Barnes, who last week led Repton to their eleventh victory in 16 years in the Glanvill Cup, played on the 12 clay courts of Queenswood School, Hertfordshire. These national championships are attracting record entries from a schools' membership that is now numbered



at more than 3,000, compared to 1.700 in 1990.

Gillie Crump, the tournament director, is certain that the stan-dard of schools' events is improving noticeably. "More people are taking up the sport at a younger age. Not only are the skills levels higher, they are also playing more tactically, rather than just getting the ball over the net."

British tennis is now not only attracting large numbers of young participants, it is fostering a genuine confidence in itself. As Barnes said: "In the past, if a British player got into a tight situation, you would assume they would somehow contrive to lose; now it is different."

Barnes pointed to the lessons for British youngsters in the way that Henman, who played for Reed's School, in Surrey, has applied himself to his game. He said: "Although he was clearly a good player. Henman himself was not

an exceptional as a junior." Barnes himself reached the third round of the junior singles at Wimbledon this year. In the doubles, he met his partner, Ivanov Smolenski, of Russia, for the first time when they began their first-round match, yet they went on to reach the semi-

The Glanvill Cup final was a repeat of 1996. Repton met Cheam HS, who were seeking to become the first state school to win the title in the 53 years of the competition. Repton had beaten Sevenoaks 5-1 in one semi-final, while Cheam edged out Millfield in the other by virtue of a count-back of games after the number of matches and sets were equal.

in another echo of last year, the score in the final was level at 2-2 after the four singles matches, with Barnes defeating Adrian Williams o-3, 6-3 in the top singles. Williams, from Cornwall, is one

of 26 pupils on scholarships at Cheam, which is linked with the Sutton Junior Tennis Centre. The pupils, who live under supervision four houses in the centre, are taken to the centre four times a day for coaching and practice. In a further "action replay", each school won one doubles match, but Repton had conceded fewer sets and so retained the title.

Both schools will lose two of their four-strong team next year, with Barnes going to the University of California at Berkeley on a tennis scholarship. He received an academic scholarship to Repton in English, has taken maths, physics and chemistry at A level, but will major in economics in the United

Much of his time will be spent with the university's squad, practising and travelling for competitions. He is uncertain about his ultimate future in the game. "It would be unwise to say I would like to be a professional. They train so hard. However, I will have to make a decision eventually." Roger Thompson, the man who has inspired Repton's recent success at tennis, said: "Barnes is the best player in my time. He has a big serve and can hit aggressively on both wings. He is also bright and so knows what is going on out there on court."

Repton's domination of the event has become almost a drug for him. "The more times we win, the more I want us to win. I understand how Steffi Graf must feel and how



Barnes drives a typically fierce forehand during his victory over Williams in the Glanvill Cup

successful players want to go on and on."

FINAL POSITIONS: Glanvill Cup (boys)
1, Repton, 2, Cheam HS, 3, Milifield, 4

☐ Richard Mason, 14, of Eskdale School, Whitby, has won first prize in BBC Radio 5 Live's Passion for

Sport competition. More than a thousand entries were received in a nationwide event in which enthusiasm for sport, rather than personal proficiency, determined the winner. The £1,500 prize-money will be spent on a "wall" for rebound practice or a tennis

One of the judges, Sarah Hardcastle, the Olympic swim-ming medal-winner, said: "He was incredibly bubbly, but his enthusiasm was not forced. He comes from a little village and has to travel up to 50 miles to take part in a variety of sports. That shows real

Spirits soar as we head for 1head for home



James Capstick looks forward to life after Ocean Rover as Southampton, and the end of a Challenge, beckon

Tithin 24 hours of Ocean Rover finishing the pen-ultimate leg of the BT Giobal Challenge, from Cape Town to Boston, I was on a plane heading home to England and my wife. It is quite hard now to remember exactly how I felt on arrival in Boston, except that I was very disappointed with our twelfth place and, to be honest, I had had enough of the boat and the crew. In many ways, this was a leg too far for me. The last race should have gone straight to Southampton

from Cape Town. I am sure that many of the others on board felt the same about me and getting away seemed the only thing to do. It is strange to think that we, as a crew, had sailed around the world through the worst

conditions imaginable, but that it took a six-week sunav downwind leg to put me into an alltime low. The Southern

Ocean legs are often merely a question of survival; you are so tired that you simply stand your watch then try to sleep. The leg to Boston, however, had left me, at any rate, with too much time to think. As I sat on the plane. I had already decided that I would not return for the last leg: I had sailed around the world, having crossed my outgoing track north of the Equator, and had nothing left to prove to myself.

I was very mindful of the fact that I was not exactly known for my patience and tolerance. I was making mountains out of molehills on the boat and the most insignificant incident would make me angry. I felt it would be better all round if I simply walked away from it.

My arrival home, I knew, would be a nice surprise for my family. I had not told them I was coming, in part because, having spoken to my wife, Tracey, on the radio-phone from the boat, she would have known what was going through my mind and was quite capable of cancelling my credit cards to prevent me from doing exactly

It was great to see the family

again and, for the first two days Tracey let me bang on and feel sorry for myself until she thought ! had done enough. Then she told me my fortune in no uncertain terms. The general theme was that, "if you think you're going to back out now after all the sacrifices we have made over the past four years ... - needless to say, ten days later I was on another plane back to Boston ready to race to South-ampton and finish the Challenge.

As I-write, I am sitting on Ocean Rover heading across "the pond" towards the end. The morale on the boat is high, as you would expect, and, despite the light winds and our ninth position, the boat is bubbling with talk of home. Plans are being made and, for the first

time, talk centres on "post-Challenge" subjects. Some of the crew will simply fall in where they left off.

while others will Global Challenge have to face job seeking and bank managers. Our immediate arrival will be celebrated

on Friday July 18 with a huge party and family day in Ocean Village for all the crews. I just hope that all the boats are

in because, due to the fickle winds, there is a real possibility that some will still be at sea and I, for one, would not feel comfortable attending a welcome-home party with some of the guests not present As an old sergeant used to say to me. "I counted them out and I counted them in". I'm sure that Sir Chay Blyth knows this concept better than most.

For me, arriving home means about a month off before I return to the Metropolitan Police mounted branch, something that I am looking forward to and feel refreshed and ready for after a year away. The only drawback will be that I will have to get my hair cut and lose my ear-ring, the tradition-al sailor's way of celebrating "rounding the Horn". Oh. I almost forgot - while away. Tracey has arranged for us to move house and, having seen it and the work that needs to be done, I think my next challenge has already been

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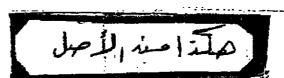
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Law Report July 14 1997 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Police entitled to make limited disclosure of paedophiles' whereabouts

Regina v Chief Constable of North Wales Police and Others. Exparte AB and Another Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice

[Judgment July 10]

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As a general principle, based on a fundamental rule of good public administration rather than on any duty of confidence, the police should not disclose damaging information about individuals which had been acquired in the course of their operations unless there was a specific justification for

A policy formulated by a re-gional police authority, which had recognised that principle in rela-tion to the release of information about former paedophile offenders in their area, and had required specific consideration of each case with disclosure only after high level agreement, was accordingly lawful, as was police conduct. taken in conformity with the policy, disclosing to a caravan site owner that such individuals were staying on his site.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing an application for judicial review by AB and CD of the policy of the North Wales Police and the decision of Wrexham Police on March 27, 1997 to inform the owner of a caravan site at Ruabon of the applicants' presence at the site. The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Nat-Resettlement of Offenders were

The applicants, who were mar-ried, were released from prison having served long sentences for serious sexual offences committed against a number of children. They had moved from the area where the offences had been committed first to the North of England and subsequently to North Wales. On each occasion, their arrival had been greeted by publicity in the local press and an angry

response from neighbours. In October 1996, they obtained a caravan which they moved on to a site near Wrexham. By January 1997 North Wales Police had received Northumbria Police's report that the applicants presented a considerable risk to children and vuinerable people within the communny where they settled.

Since they intended to remain in the area, North Wales Police were concerned at the risk if they remained on the site during the Easter holidays, due to begin on March 28, when a large number of young children would be there. An officer of the police child

protection team and members of the local social services department and probation service met on several occasions to consider the em and what assistance could be given to the applicants.

As a result the officer met the applicants, sought their agreement to visit a psychiatrist, which they tentatively gave while expressing the threat that they might go to ground, and told them to move before the beginning of the Easter

When they did not do so, after discussion with senior police offi-cers, an officer visited the site ner and showed him material relating to their convictions and sentences, which had appeared in the local press. Having seen the material the owner told the apimmediately did so.

In response to concerns at the risk of re-offending by convicted paedophiles North Wales Police formulated a policy, finalised in

the public and that disclosure of information, only on a need to know basis, was defensible where an officer acted in the honest belief that it was necessary for the protection of a person who might otherwise become a victim of 2 The general principle, as stated

in Home Office Circular 45/86, remained that police information should not be disclosed unless there were important public interest considerations to justify departure from that general rule; one such exception being the protection of vulnerable members

3 Where disclosure of a person's name or personal details was thought necessary in the public interest a report had to be submit-ted first to CID headquarters for advice from the force solicitor whose agreement was to be received prior to further action.

Mr Stephen Solley, QC and Mr Jonathan Crystal for the ap-plicants: Miss Presiley Baxendale, QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini for the police; Mr James Eadie for the Home Secretary: Mr Michael Douglas, QC, for NACRO. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

said that the case illustrated in an acute way the tension which might arise between the interests of a former sex offender and those of The offender had served his sentence. He had, it was often said,

paid his debt to society. He had regained his freedom and wished to resume normal life with a job. settled accommodation and access to any medical and therapeutic services he might need. He wanted to put the past behind him, living accably and anonymously in his

and which, during what might be a long term of imprisonment, he would be encouraged to pursue. It was in his interest that he should be enabled in reintegrate himself into the ordinary life of the

But there was a darker side to the picture. Some who committed serious sex offences against the young had an incurable propensity to act in that way.

Despite imprisonment, treatment and, it might be, a resolve to avoid commission of further ofiences, the pattern of previous offending might be repeated or even more serious offences be committed.

It was in the interest of the community that those who might be victims of further offences should be protected against that The present case raised the

police do, if anything, on learning that a convicted paedophile had been released into the local compolice have done? The Home Secretary had

submitted that a policy adopted by the police to guide its conduct should observe three principles: l There was a general presumption that information should not be disclosed. That was based on recognition of the potentially seri-

ous effect on the ability of the convicted people to live a normal life, the risk of violence to them and the risk that disclosure might drive them underground. 2 There was a strong public

interest in ensuring that police were able to disclose informatio about offenders where it was necessary for the prevention or protection of young or other 3 Each case should be considered carefully on its own facts, assessing the risk by the offender, the vulnerability of those at risk and the impact of disclosure on the offender. In making that assess-

consult other relevant agencies. His Lordship accepted the first principle. When, in the course of forming its public duties, a public body such as the police came into possession of informapublic, heirg information not gen-erally available and potentially damaging to that member if disclosed, the body ought not to disclose it save for the purpose of

and to the extent necessary for

performance of its public duty.

ment the police should normally

That principle would not prevent the police from making tual statements concerning police operations, even if they involved a arrested or charged, but it would prevent disclosure of damaging nformation about individuals acquired by the police in the course of their operations unless there was a specific public justification for such disclosure.

The principle did not rest on the existence of a duty of confidence owed by the public body to the member of the public, although it might well be that such a duty might in certain circumstances arose, but on a fundamental rule of good public administration, which the law had to recognise and if necessary enforce.

However, the general rule was not absolute. The police had a job

His Lordship referred to dicta of Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor, in Glasbrook Brothers Ltd v Glamorgan County Council ([1925] AC 270, 277) and of Lord Parker, Lord

(1966) 2 QB 414, 419), to the effect that the police had an obligation to take all steps necessary to keep the peace, prevent and detect crime. protect property and bring an offender to justice.

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His Lordship said that it followed that if the police, having obtained information about an individual, which it would damaging to that individual to disclose and which should not be disclosed without some public justification, considered in the exercise of a careful and bona fide necessary in the public interest to make disclosure, whether for the purpose of preventing crime or alerting members of the public to an apprehended danger, it was

proper for them to make such limited disclosure as was judged necessary to achieve that purpose The third principle was necplainly be objectionable if a notice orce were to adopt a blanket policy of disseminating information about previous offenders regard less of the facts of the individual case or the nature of the previous

offending or risk of further

While it was permissible for a public body to formulate rules governing its general approach to the exercise of a discretion it was essential that they were sufficiently flexible to take account of particu-

lar or unusual circumstances. In a situation such as the present where the potential damage to the individual and potential harm to members of the community were so great and obvious it could never made without very close regard to

the particular facts of the case.

a valuable safeguard against partial or ill-o-nsidered conclusions. These principles were consistent with the stantiory policy expressed

in section 25(1) of the Data Protection Act 1484 and with the policy recognised by the court in R ν Briwn (Gregory) (1944) QB 547) Derbyshire ([1495] 1 WLR 804). Judged against those tests the policy adopted by the North Wales

Police was not open to legal challenge. It recognised the eral principle that police informanon about former psedophil offenders should not be disclosed unless the public interest required

could only be justified for the protection of a member of the public who might otherwise bemight be in need of protection.

It was implicit in the policy that each case would be considered on its merits and explicit that clearance at the highest level was to be obtained before disclosure was It was plain that North Wales

Police did not have a blanket policy and did not in fact disclosinformation about the applicants without careful consideration of the consequences of doing so and not doing so. That ground of challenge failed.

His Lordship also rejected the grounds of challenge to the lawfulness of the police conduct, namely: harassment contrary to section 3 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968, and a complaint under section I of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977, the officer's disclosure on March 27 of the press material to the site owner, misfeasance in public office; and breach of article S of the European Convention of

With regard to alleged breach of confidence, his Lordship said that the applicants accepted that their convictions and sentences formally announced in open court were information in the public domain and as such subject to no duty of confidence in the hands of the

It was difficult to accept that the information held by North Wales Police was the subject of any such duty but even if it was, it was clear that the circumstances were such as to entitle them to make the disclosure. That complaint failed

Although the North Wales Police policy and conduct fell well within the hounds of legality the anpressing social problem. It was not undergone the lawful punishment the subject of intimidation and private vengeanos harried from parish to parish like paupers

It was not only in their interest but in the interest of society as a and if need be helped, to live

While the risk of repeated offending might in some circumstances justify a limited measure of official disclosure a general policy of disclosure could never be justified and the media should be slow to obstruct the rehabilitation of former offenders who had not seriously bent on reform.

Mr Justice Buston delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Mr Michael Purdon.

Newcastle upon Tyne: Mrs Jennifer Trigger, Colwyn Bay: Trea-sury Solicitor: Eversheds.

Indemnity insurance defined

Dominion Insurance Company Ltd and Others Before Sir Peter Webster

[Judgment May 8]

Indemnity insurance was properly defined as an agreement by the contractual right, which came into existence immediately loss was suffered by the happening of an insured event to be put by the insurer into the same position in which he would have been had that event not occurred.

The cause of action for breach of whether marine or property insurance, arose at the date of the loss. from the failure of the insurer to prevent the insured person from Sir Peter Webster, sitting as a

judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when striking our the claim of Anthony Callaghan and Linda Hedges, trading as Stage 3 Discollecture, against Ltd. Sirius Insurance. Company Ltd. Royal London General Insurance Company Ltd, Bryanston Insurance Company Ltd. City Fire Insurance Company Ltd and Birneh Iran Insurance Company Ltd. on the ground that it was statute barred by section 5 of the

Limitation Act 1980. Mr David Fisher for the plaintiffs; Mr Simon Browne-Wilkinson for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the case arose out of a policy of fire.

The question was whether a cause of action arose at the date of the fire on the plaintiffs' property

Callaghan and Another v in 1989, or on the avoidance of the policy in 1990. The defendants contended that it was the former and that therefore the claim was statute-barred, having been brought in 1996.

Mr Browne-Wilkinson submitted that a contract of indemnity gave rise to an action for unliquidated damages arising from the indemnifier's failure to prevent the indemnified person from suffering loss, and that once the loss was suffered, the indemnifier was in breach of contract for having failed to hold the indemnified person harmless against the relevant loss or expense. He argued that therefore the cause of action arose at the date of loss and that that applied to property as well as to marine insurance.

ber of authorities, particularly Firma C-Trades SA v Newcastle

Conran v Conran

[Judgment June 27]

bers and reported with leave, in the

ation ([1991] 2 AC 1 35-36) per Lord Goff of Chieveley, and the judg-ment of Mr Justice Hirst in Ventouris v Mountain (1992) 2 Lloyd's Rep 281) who held that Lord Goff's statement of the law applied to property insurance as well as to indemnity insurance.

Against those authorities was the obiter dictum of Judge Michael Kershaw, QC, in Transthene Packaging Co Ltd v Royal In-surance (UK) Ltd (1996) LRLR 32) decision of Mr Justice Hirst, saving that "an insurer under a policy of property insurance does not necessarily contract that the relevant contingencies will not In his Lordship's opinion, Judge

Kershaw had misunderstood both Lord Goff and Mr Justice Hirst. Neither was saying that such an - That was supported by a num insurer contracted that the contin-

the occurrence of the contingent event the insurer came under a liability to indemnify the insured against that loss. His Lordship went on to define

indemnity insurance as an agreement by the insurer to confer on the insured a contractual right. which came into existence immediately when loss was suffered by the happening of an event insured against, to be put by the insurer into the same position in which the insured would have been had the event not occurred.

The quantification of the amount of the plaintiff's claim was not a pre-requisite to a cause of action. His Lordship distinguished between the primary liability to indemnify, which arose immediately loss occurred, and the insured in his pre-loss position.

gencies would not occur, but that immediately loss was suffered by

on the wife's application for a lumn Before Mr Justice Wilson sum payment under section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

In determining ancillary relief Mr Gordon Murdoch, QC and applications the court had a wide Miss Gillian Brasse for the wife, Mr Paul Coleridge, QC and Mr Andrew Moylan for the husband. discretion to assess a wife's reasonable requirements and then to adjust for the contribution, not necessarily financial, that she had made to the welfare of the family MR JUSTICE WILSON said

that there were two possible ways in which to approach the quanti-fication of reasonable requireduring the marriage by taking into account, in particular, any special ments and contribution. talents she might have. Mr Justice Wilson so stated in the Family Division in a reserved judgment handed down in cham-

The one suggested in Dart v Dart ([1996] 2 FLR 286) was to recognise that an objective ap-praisal of requirements should take imo account all the criteria in section 25 of the 1973 Act, including not only available assets and standard of living, but also contribution to the marriage.

However, on the wording of that section it was difficult to fit an allowance for contribution into an analysis of a spouse's needs; and the view that contributions were outside the compass of the phrase "reasonable requirements" was supported by Preston v Preston [[1982] Fam 17).

Perhaps the less strained anproach, not that it would affect the result, would be to survey the wife's reasonable requirements and then to place her contribution, taking into account the nexus between that and the creation of the resources, into the balance.

The wife's reasonable requirements would be set at £8,400,000. The question of any adjustment for her contribution remained. It was fair to say that the wife, who at the time of the marriage 30

which arose secondary liability to put the Solicitors: Dakers Green Brett.

Like the husband, she was

creative, energetic and stylish; he could hardly have chosen a wife

better able to contribute to his

As her active involvement in

Habitat declined, she became

increasingly well known as a

cookery writer and that too contributed to the husband's suc-

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While there was no issue about

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the shining culinary aspects of the wife's contribution, and while not

attempting to equate their roles or to ascribe to her a particular

fraction of the joint wealth, the

wife's contribution should receive due recognition and accordingly the award would bring her wealth in total to £10,500,000. That would still leave the husband with more

Solicitors: Rooks Rider; Miles Preston & Co.

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Assessing wife's financial needs

years previously was a successful journalist in her own right, had made a formidable contribution as a mother to a total of five children and stepchildren, as a housewife with exceptional talents as a cook and hostess, and as a significant participator in the foundation of

Section II of the 1983 Act pro-

Detaining mental patient in hospital assessed by two medical practitioners and admitted to hospital The applicant contended that on

In re Whitbread (Mental patient: Habeas corpus) Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice

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A patient was not to be admitted and detained in hospital for treat-Health Act 1983 unless the mandatory statutory requirements were satisfied. But it was desirable for there to be a flexibility in approach on the part of an approved social worker to any Section 11(4) of the Act required

consultation between the social worker and the patient's nearest relative but was not to be construed as imposing a chronological sequence for complying with the pre-conditions to an application for The Court of Appeal so held in

dismissing an appeal by the patient. Mr Peter Whitbread, from the refusal by Mr Justice Forbes on February 4, 1997, of his motion for a writ of habeas corpus directed to Kingston and District National Health Trust and Richmond London Borough Council on the ground that his detention in Tolworth Hospital was unlawful.

vides: "(4) ... no [application for admission for treatment] shall be

made by such a social worker except after consultation with the ... nearest relative of the patient unless it appears to that social such consultation is not reason-ably practical or would involve onable delay."

Mr Kris Gledhill for the patient; Mr Roger McCarthy, QC. for the trust: Mr Clive Lewis for the

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that the patient was aged 52 and had a long history of mental disorder that had led to his admission to hospital on many occasions. His nearest relative, as defined in the Act, was his father. In August 1996 a consultant

psychiatrist decided the patient should be assessed with a view to admission to hospital for treatment pursuant to section 3 of the In the circumstances, Miss Fllis

an approved social worker and the patient's care manager, had a consultation with the father, explaining to him that the com-pulsory admission was being considered. The father agreed that his son should be admitted to

Thereafter the patient took steps to avoid the planned assessme but in October was apprehended, interviewed by the social worker.

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was made as to when such consultation had to take place. But a nexus had to exist between the consultation and the application for admission that was subsequently made. The consultation had to relate to that application and had to place the nearest

The wording of section 11(4) did not justify implying into the Act a requirement for a chronological sequence of the pre-conditions to an application that the Act had not

It was true that the subsection did not impose as strong a safe-guard against an application being made contrary to the wishes of the nearest relative as it might have

conditions were satisfied, so that a positive objection had been required if an application was to be

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a

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Enforcing condition of licence

Phonographic Performance Ltd v AEI Rediffusion Music Ltd

Before Mr Justice Lightman Judgment June 18j

A person authorised to broadcast a sound recording under section 68 of the Copyright. Designs and Patents Act 1988 was statutorily licensed to make a copy of that recording for the purpose of mak-ing the broadcast on condition that the copy was destroyed within 28 days of its being first used for broadcasting, and nothing in section 135C(1) of the 1988 Act, as amended by the Broadcasting Act 1990, extended the period such copies might be kept before

destruction. the Chancery Division, giving judgment for the plaintiff, Phonographic Performance Ltd, on an application under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court and answering in the negative the question whether section 135C(1) of the 1988 Act. which conferred on broadcasters a statutory licence to broadcast sound recordings, also conferred the right to make copies of those recordings for the purpose of their broadcasts and to retain such copies more than 23 days after their first use for broadcast-

caster providing a satellite delivered music service to subscribers, found the candition of destruction of copies within 28 days attached to

QC, for PPL; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Hodge Malek for AEI. MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the defendant. AEI Rediffusion Music Ltd. a broadrecordings unduly onerous and the insistence by PPL, the relevant copyright owner, upon compliance with the condition oppressive.

PPL sought injunctive relief requiring compliance. AEI con-tended that it had a statutory right to make and retain copies under section [35C(I) of the 1988 Act, as Section 135C(1) provided that a

person who included in a hmad-

cast any sound recording and complied with the statutory

in the same position as regards infringement of copyright as if he had at all material times been the holder of a licence granted by the owner of the copyright in ques-tion". Section 135C(I) was directed only at protecting the broadcaster against what would otherwise be infringement of the copyright own-er's exclusive right to broadcast the recording: it was in no wise concerned with the making by the broadcaster of copies of sound

copies.
There was no justification for implying into the statutory licence a right to make copies to make effective the grant of the right to broadcasters to carry on their

recordings or the protection of the broadcaster from infringement

Unless PPL was willing to grant a more extensive licence, broadcasters had to make do with their limited statutory rights under sec-tion 68. PPL had in fact expressed a willingness to grant an extended licence and was currently considering AEI's proposed terms.

Solicitors: Green David Conway

Injunction purpose Phonographic Performance

Ltd v Maitra and Others The purpose of injunctions granted to Phonographic Performance Ltd was to protect it from future unlicensed playing of recordings in its repertoire; not to provide it with a lever with which to extract

playing. Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division on June 19,

payments for past unlicensed

(i) granting PPL injunctions, to take effect after 28 days or such later date as the parties might agree in writing, restraining two defendants from playing unlicensed recording: until whichever should first occur of (a) the day seven months after

the date of his Lorship's order, or (b) the day on which the defendant should first obtain a licence from PPL to play such recordings in

(ii) refusing, in relation to five defendants, to extend the periods of six-month injunctions granted against each of them on October

(iii) extending the period of a sixmonth injunction then granted against Saibal Maitra, who had taken out a licence from PPL on April 21, 1997 after attendance compelled by the issue on April 17 of a bench warrant, before Mr Justice Lightman, until April 8, 1998 or such earlier date as might obtain a renewal of his

a true interpretation of section II(4), where the application for admission was made by an approved social worker, the consultation that it required had to

take place after the social worker had seen the patient in accordance with section 1160. In this case that had occurred in October. It followed, it was said, that the consultation in August did not satisfy the subsection and the

unlawful: see In re S-C (Mental patient: Habeas corpus) ([1996] QB Mr Justice Forbes had rejected the natient's interpretation because it involved removing the flexibility in approach of the social worker to

a possible admission under section

The judge was correct. The 1983 Act set out a complex scheme which was designed to ensure that section 3 unless that course was clearly warranted. It accorded to the safeguards different weights and different priorities.

tached to the opinion of the medical practitioners (see sections So far as the social worker was

concerned the Act imposed a number of duties and requirements in relation to the making of the application for admission which were set out in section 13. Turning to section II(4) of the Act, the second part of the sub-section required the social worker to consult with the nearest relative

as a pre-condition to making the

relative in a position, if so minded. to object to it.

The Act might well have required the written consent of the nearest relative to the making of an vell reflect a deliberate decision to strike a balance between the viewpoint of the nearest relative. which might be emotive and irrational, and the desirability of an admission where all the pre-

In an Act where some of the requirements were so precise, it was right to be cautious about implying a need for precision

where that was not expressed. concurring judgment and Lord

Mellor, Twickenham.

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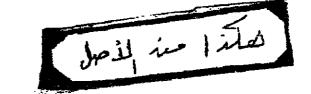
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CCA chief plans £70m growth of leisure venues

By DOMINIC WALSH

CCA Holdings, the Hong Kong owner of Brocket Hall and the London Capital Club, has earmarked £70 million for the acquisition of up to four new properties in the South of

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Dieter Klostermann, the company's German-born chairman, said he was looking at a number of private houses within about an hour of London and was in talks for a site for a second London club by the end of the year.

Mr Klostermann said: *Our aim initially is to have six properties, including two more that are similar to Brocket, with golf and conference facilities.

CCA, which was founded by Mr Klostermann in 1980 to develop and operate private clubs, bought a 60-year lease on Brocket Hall last summer for almost £10 million.

The Hertfordshire stately home was developed as an exclusive conference and golf venue by Lord Brocket, but the business collapsed in the recession. It was the peer's attempt to extricate himself from these financial difficulties that led to a botched car insurance scam and a fiveyear prison sentence.

Mr Klostermann, who owns

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100 per cent of CCA, is investing a further £15 million-£20 million in Brocket Hall over three years. The 500-acre estate's former coaching house has just been converted into 16 luxury suites and by the end of

this year the main house will have been completely refurbished. Future developments will add a second championship golf course and driving range, and a country club and health spa.

Strictly speaking, the prop-erty reverts to the Brocket family trusts after the 60-year lease expires. Klostermann said he hoped an extension or management con-



tract could be negotiated. There are no such problems at the London Capital Club, formerly the Gresham, which was acquired freehold in 1993.

CCA has invested a total of £5 million, including acquisition costs, and the club is now turning over £2.4 million: Its 1,000 members pay an average subscription of £1,250.

Mr Klostermann is negotiating for a site for an upmarket leisure-based club in the West End of London.

CCA is also growing apace in its Asia-Pacific heartland, where all 28 of its other clubs are located. It has eight further projects under construction in the region, but is also casting its eye over opportunities in Frankfurt, Berlin. Moscow, Paris, Brussels, Milan and Madrid.

The company's current mix of golf, athletic and city clubs has a turnover of more than US\$200 million (£119 million) but there are no plans for a stock market flotation.

We don't need to go public," said Mr Klostermann. We sell £2 million of membership sales each week, so we've a very comfortable cashflow. We've never lost a project through lack of

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A team from Orange PCS, the Bristol-based mobile network operator, cycled, canoed and ran their way to victory over 56 other teams to win the Mitel Challengers Trophy, Europe's largest inter-business competition

ICI denies DuPont 'speculation'

By Fraser Nelson

ICI, Britain's largest chemicals group, has confirmed that it is prepared to sell some industrial chemicals assets to a rival, but dismissed weekend reports of a £2 billion deal with DuPont, its American rival, as "speculation". Although the company has

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been grooming Trioxide, its titanium dioxide business, for flotation as an independent company it said it has no qualms about selling it to a

A spokesman said: "We have planned to float Trioxide as a separate entity. We have never ruled out the possibility of a trade sale."

"We bought the Unilever speciality business in a £5 billion deal that was completed last week . . . we have to pay some money back quickly and so we have to look at disposals. That is the picture."

A successful deal would vindicate ICI's ambitious reform programme set in place

chief executive. He planned to retreat from the volatile bulk chemicals market and increase its exposure to more refined chemicals. He has already confirmed his aim of raising £3 billion through disposals to help to pay for the Unilever

by Charles Miller Smith, its significant presence in Europe.

Seven line up for a summer listing

By Fraser Nelson

THE post-election flotation season sees seven companies ioining the Alternative investment Market this month

Pycraft & Arnold, a London chartered loss adjuster, plans to list on Wednesday with a market value of £10 million. It is raising £2 million to pay for acquisition plans. Citadel Holdings, a French

start-up company hoping to invest in commerical properties, is joining AIM next week, looking to raise £22.7 million to buy offices in France before a recovery sets in. It will be valued at about £30 million and has been created by the Mortstept family of Sweden around Lyons property interests.

JSB, a software company that postponed its flotation last August, is hoping to complete its placing this month. It has designed Surf Control, a device that restricts Internet access for office workers. It hopes to raise £5 million to take its product to America, where it has close links with Novell, the software house.

Delcam, a Birmingham business software house is hoping to be valued at £15 million when it joins AIM this month, eight years after a management buyout for £2 million from Delta. Hugh Humphries, its chief executive, will become a paper millionaire.

Landround, which supplies travel-based promotions, has reduced its original asking price to ensure a flotation this month. It is now heading for a market value of £5 million.

David Best, who helped bring PolyMASC to AIM two years ago, is now bringing Bioscience Innovation Centre to the market. The Cambridge company hopes to raise £6 million to provide laboratory facilities and management consultancy services.

WH Smith seeks loyalty card lift

By Sarah Cunningham. Retail correspondent

WH SMITH, the troubled high street retailer battling against renewed bid rumours, is to launch its own loyalty card this week in the hope of boosting sales.

The WH Smith Clubcard will offer a 2 per cent discount to customers and will be available in shops across the 400-strong chain from Wednesday.

The company's shares, which fell to a year low of 333'2p on Thursday, bounced 8p on Friday as speculation grew of a possible takeover bid. Asda, the supermarket group, is thought to be in the frame, along with Kingfisher

and Boots. Smiths, which has been struggling to re-establish itself in its key markets, is looking for a replacement for Bill Cockburn, its chief executive, who announced last month that he will be leaving after just 18 months in the job.

The main internal candi-

dates are Alan Giles, head of Waterstone's, Keith Hamill, finance director, Richard Handover, managing director for news, and John Hancock, director for US operations. Spencer Stuart, the headhunters, is looking for outside candidates. It is keen to talk to Stuart Rose, who resigned last week from Burton, where he ran the main fashion chains.

The lovalty card is being launched after a trial in 53 stores in the Midlands and the North East. Liz Harlow, who is running the card scheme, said it "significantly increased sales and we are confident that the success of this regional trial will be repeated at a national level".

Prescott to unveil strategy on water leakage

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister, is expected to announce deep cuts in water leakage rates

Mandatory long-term programmes have been agreed by privatised suppliers since the water summit in May.

Privatised water and sewage groups have also agreed to seek out leaks in customers' pipes as well as making repairs free, at least for a period.

Companies that have already experimented with free leakage repairs have found that the relatively modest amount of pipework between company mains and customers' premises is a rich area for leaks that are relatively cheap to stop, creating unexpected enthusiasm

for the project.
This has allowed mandatory leakage reduc-tion targets to be more impressive than expected before the summit.

But companies have stopped short of taking full legal responsibility for customers' pipes, for fear that they might face huge bills for replacing lead and other unsuitable materials.

The industry is now trying to develop different tariff systems that will allow much wider use of meters without penalising larger ordinary families in low-rated properties for the benefit of millionaires in penthouses.

Labour has turned its back on compulsory metering because it would be regressive in effect and might yet again raise the Government's welfare

Possibilities include allowing a substantial "free" low standing charge and then making heavy unit charges on higher users.

Mr Prescott might be more persuaded by scheme that linked standing charges to council tax bands, including discounts, and then imposed a more affordable unit

Mr Prescott is also likely to unveil more ambitious programmes to help customers to save water through water "audits".

charge for extra water.

Supermarkets tune in to television shopping

By Sarah Cunningham

SHOPPERS could soon be able to buy Safeway and Sainsbury groceries through their televisions.

The Safeway chain said last week that it is in talks with British Interactive Broadcasting about offering its 20,000 grocery lines through BIB interactive TV, which is due to be launched next year.

J Sainsbury, a member of the working group that has spent the last year developing content for the BIB service, is also likely to sign up as a participant. The full range of retail services, including home banking, is likely to be available on BiB from 1999.

Roger Partington, marketing director of Saleway, said that he will meet BIB for further talks this week. Chris Townsend, operations director



Partington: home deliveries

of BIB, hopes to secure the first firm signings within the next two months. The company aims to have 30 retail, travel and financial services companies lined up for the launch. and to have 300 on board

booking, computer games and Internet access services will be available to viewers with satellite dishes and the same digital set top convertors that will be needed to receive digital television broadcasts. Ēstimates suggest the convertors will retail at £199. Other companies in the

working group are HMV, Thomas Cook, Great Universal Stores and Dorling Kindersley, the publisher. British Telecom and BSkyB,

the satellite broadcaster owned 40 per cent by News International, owner of The Times, each hold 32.5 per cent of BIB. Midland Bank has 20 per cent and Matsushita 15 per

Mr Partington said setting up the infrastructure to deliver the food will be the most

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Strife casts cloud over BA results

BRITISH AIRWAYS: Industrial strife will overshadow tomorrow's annual meeting at the Barbican Centre in London, but it is still too early to assess the full impact on 1997 revenues. Analysts estimate that strike

action is costing BA between £15 million and £20 million a day perhaps £50 million or more in lost bookings for last week alone - but they think that the share price will remain stable unless industrial action escalates or becomes protracted.

The carrier, whose chief executive is Robert Ayling, lost an estimated £15 million in bookings ahead of last year's threatened strike by pilots, which was called off at the last minute. Analysts are keeping an open mind on the final cost to BA's revenues, but thinks reports that the action has cost BA £200 million so far are wide of the mark.

Before the onset of industrial action, analysts were looking for a 1997 pre-tax profit of £715 million (£640 million) on turn-over of £8.97 billion (£8.34 billion). The carrier is seeking to find £1 billion in annual cost savings by 2000 in order to remain competitive.

SOMERFIELD: The food retailer, formerly the Gateway group, reports year-end figures on Thursday — its first prelims since floating.

Analysts are expecting pre-tax profits of £103 million, up from E83.2 million last year. The dividend is expected to come in at just over 10p, with earnings per

The focus of interest will be on improvements in costs and margins rather than looking for startling sales growth.

Like for like sales growth is expected to be in line with the industry average, though overall sales figures will reflect both continuing deflation and the slower sales at Somerfield's discount chain Food Giant.

Somerfield floated last August at 145p, with a bumpy pre-listing ride followed by a less than sparkling growth in its share price. Some of the recent cheer buoying the food retailing sector has helped to lift Somerfield. which last week topped 190p, to reach a new high for the group.

MEDEVA: Acquisition gains are expected to make much of the running when the drugs com-



Robert Ayling of BA. Analysts estimate strike action is costing at least £15 million a day

pany reports first-half results on Wednesday. The group which last year bought Rochester, Fison's US business, is expected to see pre-tax profits of E44mil-lion to E50 million, as against £37.2 million in 1996.

Analysts at Lehman Brothers are forecasting underlying sales growth of 5 per cent and 31 per cent of acquisition gains but are also expecting about 3 per cent of exchange losses. The strength of sterling has prompted a slight downgrade for the full year, to around £119 million pre-tax.

Shares in Medeva have been rattled by slow sales of its anti-obesity drug Ionamin, and ana-lysts will be looking for further news on this and key products such as Methylphenidate prescribed for hyperactive children.

HI-TEC SPORTS: The hiking and sports shoe group reports year-end figures on Thursday with house brokers Greig Middleton forecasting pre-tax profits of E3 million, up from £2.03 million last year. A resumption of dividend payments is expected. with 0.5p pencilled in.

Much of the interest will centre on the group's progress in North America, and the success of its Bootlogic initiative to introduce new styles in its Outdoor boot range. There may also be an update on Hi-Tec's tie-up with Sports Division, the Scottish

Earnings of 3.6p are forecast this year, rising to 5p in 1998.

STANLEY LEISURE: The gaming group headed by Leonard and this is thought to have

half. The comparison will be all the more marked given the large number of cancelled race meetings in the winter of 1995. The lottery-style 49's game continues

to be a boon.

Aided by a solid if unspectacular improvement from casinos. group pre-tax profits are likely to come in at £19.3 million, up from £14.8 million, with earnings per share up from 9.3p to at least 11.0p. The dividend will rise from 3.33p to 4p.

ANITE GROUP: The former Cray Electronics reports tomorrow. The former stock market high-flyer, which came to earth with a thud after a series of profits warnings, a Stock Exchange investigation and a board room shakeup, has now refocused on systems and netorks. moving away from communications manufacture.

In spite of its recent history it is not without supporters among analysts who rate its recovery potential given the buoyancy of its sector.

Year-end losses are forecast to increase to £34.6 million against £19.4 million last year, but the group is expected to be comfortably back in the black in 1997-8.

TLG: The industrial lighting group is expected to take a dim view of conditions in European markets when it reports year-end figures tomorrow.

The former Thorn Lighting Group is expected to see pre-tax profits for the year to March slip from £23.6 million to £20 million.

Closure of factories will help to cut costs though the benefits are not expected in the current year. In spite of the difficult market the dividend is expected to be held at 4.3p, although earnings per share will drop from 9.8p to 7p.

SHIELD DIAGNOSTIC: The manufacturer of diagnostic tests, which saw its shares hit a high of 805p this year, reports preliminary results tomorrow.

The price has been buoyed by bid speculation and last week by broker support. Further news on products, such as its heart disease. diagnostic tool, could also have an impact on the price, while a £10 million to £15 million rights issue could be on the cards. Analysts are forecasting a pre-tax loss of £1.1 million, against profits last time of £200,000.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Clues are due on rate move

CITY economists will be scrutinising a range of economic indicators due to be published this week in an effort to gauge when the next rise in interest rates may be due after the quarter-point rise to 6.75 per cent last week.

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Initially the City was mildly disappointed that the rise was not a half point, but, on Friday, the market mood turned to reasonably optimistic anticipation of the next rise. Even gilts rose, a paradoxic reaction to thoughts of rising interest rates.

On Monday, the City will see producer prices for June, which are expected to show the anti-inflationary impact of the strong pound on manufacturers' input prices. The City expects year-on-year input prices to be down by as much as 9 per cent. Output prices are expected to be flat month-on-month and to show a 1.1 per cent rise year on year.

Wednesday will see the eagerly awaited publication of minutes from the June monetary policy committee meeting. Economists need all the clues they can get on how Labour's monetary policy committee system is working if they are ever to be in a position to make a reasonable second guess at how the thinking will go in years to come.

The public sector borrowing requirement figure for June will also be out on Wednesday. The May PSBR reached £4 billion, and the City has pencilled in £4.2 billion for June. However, changes in the way that VAT is collected will make accurate forecasting difficult.

Unemployment figures for June, also out on Wednesday, are expected to show a fall of 25,000 in the number of benefits claimants, an acceleration from the 18,000 fall registered in May. Recent steady pay settlements lead economists to believe that the figure for average earnings growth for May will remain at 4.5 per cent.

Money supply figures are due on Friday. The broad M4 figure features strongly in the Bank of England Inflation Report although some economists, at least, find that the figures say little about what is to happen in the economy. An 11.2 per cent year-on-year rise in M4 in June is expected, little changed on May.

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SUNDAYTIPS

The Sunday Times Buy Prudential, LucasVarity, Ionica, Parkland, Singer & Friedlander, Countryside, Fii Group. The Sunday Telegraph Buy Courtaulds, Hit Entertainment, SCi Entertainment, Five Oaks Investments, Oriental Restaurant Group. Sell MFL Furniture, Boots. The Observer Buy Dalgety, Tl. The Mail on Sunday Buy McBride, Mulberry, Sell Games Workshop.

Virgin backs chain of Kinko's shops

By ERIC REGULY

Steinberg is watching with inter-

est the outcome of Brent Walker's

William Hill betting shop sell-off.

If, as expected, Bass takes a punt.

it is not inconceivable that the MMC will demand some divest-

ments. You can bet that Stanley

Leisure will seek to vacuum up

Betting shops will be the star of

Stanley's full-time results on

Thursday, as the first real fruits

of the change in gaming laws allowing AWPs into betting shops kick in. Analysts expect a

ten-month contribution from

AWPs to put an extra £1.5 million

The group's betting-shop busi-

ness, boosted by the acquisition of

Gus Carter last summer, turned

in a strong first-half performance

on the bottom line.

any cast-offs.

RICHARD BRANSON'S Virgin Group has formed a joint venture with Kinko's, America's largest chain of 24hour office services shops, to open as many as 200 Kinko's outlets in Britain and France.

The venture, to be an-

nounced today, will see Virgin spend about US\$4 million (£2.4 million) to open the first two Kinko's shops in Britain. Both will be located in central London, with one in the Holborn area and the other in Soho. Outlets in Edinburgh, Manchester and other cities

are to follow next year. Virgin

also plans to put them into airports and rail terminals. Kinko's, a privately held company that was founded in California in 1970, has 850 branches in six countries.

The majority of them are seven-day, 24-hour operations that cater to professionals in the financial, legal and cre-

ative industries. Its services include colour printing, video conferencing, photocopying. computer rentals and the binding of reports.

> The managing director of the joint venture will be Kevin Griffiths, the Virgin Group director responsible for information technology.

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 38 VINDEMIATRIX

(b) A bright fixed star in the constellation Virgo. Medieval or modern Latin feminine of vindemiator vintager, star in Virgo, from the Latin vindemiare. Twenty degrees north of Spica, is Vindemiatrix, in the arm of Virgo, a star of the third

ZARF

(a) A cup-shaped holder for a hot coffee-cup, used in the Levant, usually of metal and of ornamental design. Derived from the Arabic word for a vessel. 'The zarf always came as a welcome relief for those coffee drinkers with more tender

YERESYEVE

(a) A gift customarily given or exacted at the New Year, or at the begining of a year in office. "Jeresgive, is a Toll or Fine, taken by the King's Officers, on a Person's entering into an Office; or rather, a Bribe given to them to connive at Extortion, or other Offence in him that gives it." **VEEDOR**

(c) An official invested with inspecting or controlling power. "There is one who is in constant attendance, and whose mere appearance can instill much respect, and dare we say fear, into those around."

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indfalls figured large in the Budget and they have been the focus of much subsequent comment. But, as British Rail might have said, they were the wrong sort of windfall. It isn't the gains on the shares of privatised utilities which threaten to destabilise the British economy, but rather gains to consumers from demutualising building societies. The Chancellor famously addressed the former by introducing the windfall tax, but he did next to nothing about the latter.

It is easy to argue that the effect of these windfalls on spending is likely to be negligible. After all, where does the money come from? In any real sense, the nation is not richer because the Halifax issues shares.

Under the old set-up, people owned voting rights in the societies of which they were members and they were the implicit owners of the societies' reserves. Now these "assets" have been changed into shares that can be exchanged for cash. The National Accounts record no increase in either income or wealth for the personal sector — what happens is simply a change in the composition of the personal sector's asset holdings.

Yet we all know that this is just another piece of accountants' hooey. Before the demutualisation boom, most people did not think of themselves as the owners of building societies, but rather as their customers. Even if some did see themselves

The wrong sort of windfall tax

as "members", they had little or no concept of this membership being worth anything. Now they are not only told what it is worth, but actually given direct access to the money. So in a real sense, they feel richer.

The scale of the sums in question has grown enormously. Not that long ago it seemed that the total amount of demutualisation payouts this year would be of the order of £10 billion — big, but not big enough to bust a forecast.

Now, as result of more payouts, and sharply higher share prices, the total may come to £30 billion to £35 billion. This amounts to some 4 per cent of Britain's total national income, or some 6 per cent of consumers' incomes after tax — the equivalent of more than 15p off the standard rate of income tax for a year.

How will people react to such windfalls? It is impossible to know for sure. You cannot tell simply by observing what people do with their windfall shares. Just because someone sells them does not necessarily mean that they are going to spend the money. They may leave it on deposit, buy other shares, or repay debt. Equally, someone may spend a windfall without touching the shares



at all. The issue turns on how consumers react to what they may properly regard as an increase in their wealth.

Economists are bound to begin by asking what is the "rational" response. Provided that the gains are believed to be one-off, then, mirroring what happens when a pensioner uses a lump sum to purchase an annuity, it is to spread the gain over many years. This means spending only slightly more than the interest on the capital, perhaps 10

per cent or so. Of course, real people will not behave exactly like this. Some will blow the lot; others will save the lot. Exactly where the balance lies will depend on consumer psychology. The ultrarational approach may mislead in this case because a very large amount of money is spread quite thirly. It is not like preparing to retire on a pension, or winning the lottery, when the sums are potentially life-changing and thereby demand a measured approach. Two or three thousand pounds appearing out of the blue will make next to no material difference to most people's long-term prospects if saved, but if spent, could finance a

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All of this presents the Bank of England with a tricky problem. If the figures for consumer spending continue to be frothy this summer, should it relax in the belief that this merely reflects a one-off effect that will quickly pass out of the figures? Or should it be concerned that it represents the early signs of a consumer boom that could continue well into next year and

The Bank will be haunted by the past. In the 1980s, the management of the economy was

thrown off balance by the effects of financial

At first, it was widely believed that the freeing up of banks and building societies would have only a minor effect on the economy. But spending had been effectively constrained by individuals' financial illiquidity, particularly with regard to realising the apparently locked-up value of the equity in their homes. Now they could easily get their money out with a second mortgage. As a result, consumer spending ballooned.

Financial liberalisation was a one-off change. If its effects had come through gradually it would not have destabilised the economy. As it was, they came through in a rush. It was like opening the floodgates.

In a way, the windfall effect is directly comparable. It isn't a matter of whether the money is spent, but when. The economy could readily cope with an extra £30 billion of spending spread over ten years. But £30 billion in one go would spell a boom too far.

When they first arise, economists and officials have a way of pooh-poohing what subsequently turn out to be the defining forces of the period, while they concentrate on honing their economic models. The windfall effect may turn out to be another example. If it does, then just like the last time, the price will be paid in much higher interest rates and an uncompetitive pound.

Construction firms poised to create 10,000 jobs

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONSTRUCTION companies will hire up to 10,000 new employees over the next two years, according to Sir Martin Laing, chairman of John Laing and president of the new Construction Confederation. The hirings will be particularly welcome as they follow the loss of more than 100,000 jobs in the industry earlier in the decade.

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Sir Martin told The Times that many of the people required by the industry could come from the Government's New Deal job programmes for the young unemployed.

Construction companies believe they are facing growing skill shortages as demand increases in the industry, espe-

Littlewoods in talks to sell 19 stores

LITTLEWOODS, the privately owned stores-tofootball pools group, is in talks to sell 19 of its largest stores to a single buyer for about £120 million (Sarah Cumningham writes).

Cunningham writes).
Littlewoods, whose negotiations to sell its entire 135-store chain to Kingfisher, owner of Woolworths and Cornet, failed this month, is now set to sell the 19 shops to a leading stores group. The sale could be agreed as early as this week.

The company has been in talks with Boots. Next and Marks & Spencer. It may also sell some stores to other buyers, including Testo and Safeway.

Tesco and Safeway.

Among the hill stores may retain, Littlewoods plans to rename 12 stores Berkertex as a tital in the dothing market.

ures

cially for skills associated with housebuilding — bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters — as the housing market improves.

Ministers are likely to seize on Sir Martin's statement as a means of getting large firms in the building industry involved in the jobs programme, which aims to offer work or training places to up to 250,000 18 to 24-year-olds who have been unemployed for six months or more. The Government has indicated that companies such as Rover, Tesco, J Sainsbury, Prudential and Ford are interested in taking young people on under the scheme.

Sir Martin said: "There will be a real need for new recruits, rather than doing it for pure or altruistic reasons."

Building firms are likely to draw the new employees they need from a variety of sources. Sir Martin said. These include former construction employees made redundant during the industry's double-dip recession of the 1990s but who may now be drawn back, people coming in to the industry for the first time through bodies such as the Construction Industry Training Board, and the unemployed brought in through the Government's Welfare to Work programme.

Sir Martin says that the industry "would like to find a way of marrying together welfare to work with training", an issue it will discuss with ministers. Building companies will come together this week at the launch of the Construction Confederation, which will replace a range of individual and often competing trade organisations.

The confederation, which will have about 5,000 member of mpanies responsible for lik consuction work, is the for release an economic that is expected to reput fine and output rises and

and for new employees.



Robert Enthoven wants to increase the number of UK restaurants in his Nando's chain from five to 19

Nando's to add pre-float spice

NANDO'S, a chain of spicy chicken restaurants run by a South African entrepreneur, is to more than treble its number of British outlets over the next 18 months in a run-up to a stock market flotation (Fraser Nelson writes).

Robert Enthoven, mana

division, plans to create around 300 new jobs by lifting the number of restaurants from five to 19 by the end of next year.

He is also hoping to make around £4 million for his restaurant managers by recruiting them on a golden-handcuff incentive scheme,

The £4 million expansion is being backed by his family of well-known South Africa investment bankers, who own 70 per cent of the company.

around £4 million for his restaurant managers by recruiting them on a golden-handcuff incentive scheme, which offers a shareholding that could be worth around £300,000 on flotation.

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Mr Enthoven said: "Our the company to the ma secret, apart from the food, is less than £100 million.

that if the restaurant does badly, they feel the pain in their own back pocket." Nando's UK division is

Nando's UK division is understood to be worth around £20 million at present, but Mr Enthovem said he would be reluctant to bring the company to the market for

British Land faces protest over incentives

By Jason Nissé

BRITISH LAND, the property group chaired by John Ritblat, will today face a protest against its new share incentive plan, which could pay up to six times executives' basic salary.

The plan means that Mr Ritblat could pick up more than £2.5 million over ten years, starting in 2000. His pay in the past financial year was £447,000, although he earned £2.4 million in the previous year.

Pirc, the pensions advisory group whose subscribers manage £130 billion of funds, has recommended that its clients vote against the scheme at British Land's annual shareholder meeting in central London.

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It is unhappy because of the measure British Land uses to assess whether executives should receive the award, which Pirc claims is biased towards British Land.

The scheme is a restricted share plan that awards shares to executive directors and other top executives. It measures the growth of British Land's net asset value & Woodrow. adviser, and fall guidelines of b ional Association Funds and the British Insurers.

rop- against the annual index comjohn piled by the Investment Propee a erty Databank (IPD).

If British Land outperforms the IPD index by at least 3 per cent, then the senior executives in the plan can receive four times their salary. This climbs to five times if British Land outperforms the index by up to 5 per cent and six times if it is better by more than 5 per cent.

Anne Simpson, joint man-

Anne Simpson, joint managing director of Pirc, said that the IPD index is the wrong comparison: it gauges the performance of properties held by pension funds, which, unlike British Land, do not borrow to buy the properties. This means that British Land's portfolio is heavily geared to the property market; so that if the market continues its recent bull run, British Land is likely to outperform the IPD index without doing

anything.

British Land says that the plan was approved by Bacon & Woodrow, its actuarial adviser, and falls within the guidelines of both the National Association of Pension Funds and the Association of British Insurers

THE

OFT inquiry into CMC extended

By Gavin Lumsden

The Office of Fair Trading has extended its inquiry into City Mortgage Corporation amid mounting political pressure for government action to stop it charging exorbitant loan rates. Questionnaires have been sent to 37 members of the Council Tenants Association and the CMC Victims Association, both of which have complained to the OFT about the company's practices. It will then consider whether to revoke CMC's consumer credit licence.

The move follows a meeting between Nigel Griffiths, Consumer Affairs Minister, and

John Bridgeman, Director-General of the OFT, on June 16. In May the minister declared his opposition to lenders, such as CMC, which exploit poor people with bad credit histories with dual rates of interest and extremely high redemption penalties. CMC was one of 70 companies that received a warning about these practices from Mr Bridgeman in February.

Political interest in the company has heightened since William Hague, leader of the Conservative Party, disclosed that CMC's managing director, David Steene, a former Conservative councillor in Hertfordshire, had donated £20,000 to his election campaign.

Paul Flynn, Newport West MP, has stepped up his campaign to expose CMC and highlight the inaction of the OFT. He has asked MPs, regulators and borrowers to a meeting at the Commons today.

A spokesman for Mr Grif-

fiths denied speculation yesterday that the Government was about to stop secondary lenders such as CMC from repossessing properties.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar 1.6945 (+0.0325) German mark 2.9982 (+0.0125) Exchange index 105.0 (+3.2) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

3052.7 (+49.4) FTSE 100 4799.5 (+,159.2) New York Dow Jones 7921.82 (+234.10) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 19875.49 (-648.26)

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READER OFFER

Exclusive private view at the Tate Gallery

Readers of *The Times* are invited to an exclusive party, on Tuesday, July 22, to celebrate the Tate
Gallery's 100th birthday.





The entire gallery will be open and works on show include special centenary displays, the Turner collection and the current major exhibition of Elisworth Kelly's works. The party is from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

You will be able to see a selec-

tion of 100 works of special interest, two rooms of Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite paintings and Henry Tate's Gift, which tells the fascinating story of the gallery's foundation, with a display of works from the orig-

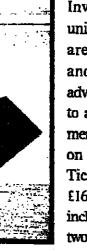
Among these originals you will see the

inal collection.

beautiful oil painting The Lady of Shalott (above) by artist John William Waterhouse.

The current major exhibition at the Tate focuses on the work of the leading American painter Ellsworth Kelly. This is the first retrospective of this important

artist's work in Britain. It includes more than 50 works from 1949 to the present day. Kelly's paintings (see picture below) are based on careful observations of the real world, transformed into abstract works of the greatest possible purity of colour, line and form.



Invitations to this unique private view are strictly limited and readers are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Call First Call on 0171-420 0000. Tickets, which cost £16.75 per person, include canapés and two glasses of wine.

CHANGING TIMES

Who's helping more businesses to start up than any other bank?

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More than just a bank

National Westminster Bank Pic, 41 Lodsburg, Landon EC2P 28P.

Interactive computer systems have since taken over. Finding partners over the telephone lines is now generating a £35 million a year business in Britain.

Newspapers are still the usual starting points, but responding by telephone to an advertisement allows callers to surf through databases of personal ads, using the phone buttons to narrow the field down to the most suitable candidates. Using the menu, potential lovers can be picked based on age, location and likes and dislikes. Smokers can be eliminated from the search: those who like to cook, dance, travel or go to the movies can be added. And you can hear their voices.

In the end, you may select someone like F. in the Leicester area, an articulate woman who makes clear that smokers need not apply, that brains are more important than looks, that casual sex is not on offer and that the lucky man will have to put up with certain idiosyncrasies. "I sleep with my teddy bear and I have no intention of changing that arrangement." she says, before asking respon-dents to leave their e-mail addresses.

At the end of the messages. callers are invited to press a button that will provide others "with similar characteristics", though sleeping with teddy bears is one subset that does not register on the computer. The virtually end-

Lonely hearts and high tech get together

Eric Reguly on the pioneers pulling in profits

from taking small-ad dating 'out of the gutter'



Love conquers all, but now it receives a helping hand from interactive systems

Stephen Mindich, 54, the

chairman and owner of Phoe-

nix Media. "I had installed a

new voice-mail system in the

company and I wondered

whether the technology could

be applied to personal ads,"

he says. "At that time, you

could only respond to person-

A software developer was

recruited and Tele-

Publishing was in business.

The consumer response was

phenomenal, and competi-

tors began to pile in. "The

benefits are enormous," says

Mindich. "It's a private sys-

tem and you have the oppor-

tunity to sample many

people. Their thoughts, dic-

al ads through the mail."

about 50p a minute. Thanks to computers, phone dating has become big business. One company in particular. Tele-Publishing UK, has made a splash in the

less possibilities are yours for

fledgeling industry and identified it for international growth. The Tele-Publishing com-panies comprise the largest voice personals" business in the world and claim to have become the number one player in Britain in little more than a year. Growth has been

Publishing UK is becoming a The Tele-Publishing comp-

so rapid that floating Tele-

anies are owned by Phoenix Media/Communications Group, of Boston, owner of the Boston Phoenix, an arts. entertainment and lifestyle newspaper, and several other media businesses with collective annual turnover of about \$150 million (£89 million). David Dinnage, the 36-yearold American chief executive of Tele-Publishing UK, believes in the product he sells. When he arrived in London last year to launch the British company, he placed an introductions ad in The Times. He

received 70 responses and a costly dating frenzy ensued. The phone dating business

all there. You don't have to go to bars and singles clubs to learn about the person." Telephone dating already existed in Britain before Tele-

tion, likes and preferences are

Publishing arrived. The American company just pur-sued and marketed it more aggressively, introduced more sophisticated software. and offered a one-stop service

for newspapers.

Tele-Publishing places the ad, with a four-digit voice-box number, in newspapers at no charge to the person seeking companionship. The software then takes over and the money rolls in. Of the 50p-aminute call, Tele-Publishing and the newspaper in which the ad appeared keep about 27p: the rest goes to the phone

Dinnage says that Tele-Publishing has already captured more than 40 per cent of the phone dating market. He believes that the market has plenty of room to expand because, he says cheerily, "35 per cent of the adult population is either single, widowed or divorced". There are plans to launch the service in The Netherlands, Germany and Australia.

Dinnage sees himself as more than simply a businessman. By rejecting ads from prostitutes and pursuing working professionals, he believes that he has helped to change the introductions business from one that catered for life's lonely losers to one that provides an essential service to those without the time or inclination to hang out in sleazy bars. "We're tking it out of the gutter and putting it into the main-stream." he says.

Perhaps, however, the oldfashioned method was not that bad after all. Dinnage, for all his responses, is still single

bars live off on mining

Mr Molapo said the unions

have been warning the Gov-

ernment for some time about

the possible consequences of a dip in gold price but to no avail. He said because of the

lack of social responsibility

within the industry and the

apartheid mentality of the

past no money was set aside

ior retrenchment funds and a

scheme initiated in 1988 to

assist ex-miners in learning new skills is poorly funded.

The gold price slide also poses a regional crisis and

trade unions in South Africa

are urging the Government to

investigate joint retrench-

ment schemes with neigh-

bouring countries that supply

thousands of migrant work-

ers. For over a century, men

from Zimbabwe, Lesotho,

Swaziland and Mozambique

who have been coming to the

country to work in the gold-

mines. In Lesotho, mining

earning accounts for 70 per

cent of the country's rural household income - Mozam-

bique is on similar scale -

and about 50 per cent of the

national budget comes from

An estimated 70,000 Leso-

tho men have been retrenched

from South African mines

over the past ten years and

they have returned with little or no job prospects. The landlocked country has long

exported its unskilled labour

but it has made no provison

for those who fall vicitms to

economic slumps and the

social consequences are evi-

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dent in some communities.

deferred pay to miners.

TELEVISION CHOICE

How to travel and save

Adam Faith's cheery guide to money-stretching continues to score high on accessibility and down-to-earth advice. Among tonight's items are tips on shopping abroad to save money, whether buying a CD in New York or a Volvo in Sweden, and the importance, even for young couples who intend to be around for many more years, of making a will. A new running report follows Solly Chara as he sets up his own restaurant undaunted by the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic than the statistic that one will be a solution of the statistic than the statistic than the statistic than the statistic than the statistic that one will be a statistic than the stat istic that one new business in five goes bust in the first year. Perhaps the programme tries to cram too much in. As somebody who is considering changing from BT to a cable telephone system, your previewer was much interested in what Dosh had to say on the matter. It was disappointingly little.

Neighbours From Hell

For those who have been watching the box attentively over the past few years this anthology of disputes between neighbours may have a familiar ring. The cockerel which has been driving a couple mad in Devon has been much publicised, so has the dreadful racist campaign against Mal Hussain. He runs a grocery shop on an estate in Lancaster and has endured six years of attacks on himself and his property just because he is Asian. No fewer than 39 of his neighbours have criminal convictions for their behaviour but the trouble goes on. Less vicious, but just as vexing for the victims. are neighbours who plant fast-growing conifers which cut out light or have family rows in the small hours of the morning. Most bizarre is the tale of a couple who claim to be persecuted by neighbours who are jealous of their expensive home

Secret History: Gold Fever Channel 4, 9.00pm

The Klondike gold rush of 1898 saw more than 100,000 people making for the icy wastes of northwest Canada in search of instant fortunes. Few found them and many died in the attempt Charlie Chaplin satirised the episode as a parable of human greed. This reconstruction is more concerned to record than to judge. Like many



Gold prospectors in 1898 (C4, 9.00pm)

documentaries from the United States it makes brilliant use of two resources our film-makers tend to neglect, the words of contemporaries in letters and diaries, and still photographs. One image, and diaries, and still photographs. The mage showing a long line of prospectors struggling up a snow-covered mountain, is wonderfully evocative. With historians and descendants of the pameers adding their gloss, Gold Fever builds up a richly detailed account. Stories of individuals, some who made it and others who did not, are set against the

Perverted Justice Channel 4, IO.55pm

The Radio 1 Roadshow

Radio 1, 11,30am

It has often been remarked how the death penalty in the United States is applied disproportionately to blacks. Perverted Justice argues that the same applies to lesbians. Of 46 women awaiting execution in America, 40 per cent are lesbians either in fact or by insinuation. Since at the most lesbians make up only 10 per cent of the US female population, the case appears to be strong. The film backs up the figures by looking at actual cases and it does seem that lesbians who kill are more likely to receive a death sentence than straight women who commit similar crimes. The reason, it is suggested, lies in the strong moral disapproval of sexual deviance, particularly in the southern states where the death penalty is most widely used. The cinema has played its part by linking sexual deviance with criminality.

Peter Waymark

If you are no longer young, certain places in Scotland are worth avoiding this week. They are Aberdeen (today), Edinburgh (tomorrow), Balloch (Wednesday), Glasgow (Thursday) and Irvine (Friday). These are the locations for the first week of the Radio 1 Roadshow, which continues for six

weeks. The main clue to the Roadshow's arrival in

your town is an 80ft caravan painted silver and incorporating a huge video screen. The show itself

has an effervescent quality which is rare in any broadcasting medium and the sense of organised chaos makes the show much more listenable than

it might first appear. The live audience makes the atmosphere at the BBC's second-largest music

RADIO CHOICE

Role Play Radio 3, 9.35pm

A new series of the programme that occasionally strays close to making a contribution to Private Eye's "Luvvies" column but is generally a fascinating insight into the actor's art. The fact that the programme runs to 25 minutes means the listener is not left in that maddening gap between knowing too little and knowing too much. Tonight the two actors are Michael Pennington and Fiona Shaw, both talking about the very different interpretations of Richard II in which each has starred: Pennington in the Michael Bogdanov version and Shaw in Deborah Warner's produced uction at the National. Shaw says she could not resist the gender challenge of playing Richard, wanting to "see what would happen".

7.00am Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, See Choice 12.20pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whiley 3.00 Mary Ann Hobbs 6.15 Newsbeat 6,30 Evening Session 8.30 Live Music Update 8.40 Andy Karshaw 10.30 Claire Sturgess 1.00am Charle Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

8.00am Sareh Kernedy 7.20 Waka Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.20 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lytellon 8.00 Malcolm Laycock 9.00 Big Band Special 9.30 Hayes over Britain 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.65am Steve Madden 3.00

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breeklast Programme 9.00 The 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Edra 7.30 Muscular Prose. The first of three programmes celebrating sports writing 8.00 Parkinson on Sport 9.00 Tales of the Turl 9.30 Work Out with Lesley Curwen 10.00 News Talk 11.00

Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO 5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 10.00 James Whele 1.00am Mike Dickin WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The Four Caliph's 7.30 Omnibus 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 Vintage Chart Show 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 A Question of Science 10.05 Business 10.15 Body of Knowledge 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Omnibus 12.30pm Jazzmatazz 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 What's News 3.45 The Lab 4.05 Sport 4.15 Encyclopedia Historica 4.30 Hot New Country 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 Seven Days 6.45 Sport 7.30 Brain of Britain 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain 10.30 Hentage 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 Earth, Air, Fire And Water 1.45 Bolian Today 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Dying Notes 3.30 On Screen 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today All times in BST. News on the hour 8.00am Newsday 6.30

CLASSIC FM

1.00pm Concerto. Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in A minor RV461). Schumenn (Violin Concerto in D minor) 3.00 Jame Cnck 7.00 Newsnight 7:30 Sonata. Music to mark Bastille Day Air Berlic. (La Mansellaise), Gossec (Overture for Wind Instruments), Saint-Saers (Piano Concesto No 5 in F., Egyptian), Auber (Overture, The Black Domino), Massenet (Ballet Music, Le-Cid) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00sm Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00em Nick Abbot 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00em Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Richard Porter

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Mozart (Serenade in G. K525); Handel, arr Stokowski (Overture in D minor); Barber (Summer

Stokowski (Overture in D minor); Barber (Summer Music)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes Brahms (Overture Academic Festival); Rimsky-Korsakov (Symphony No 2, Antar)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Cheltenham Festival Live, Includes Brahms (Horn Trio in E flat, Op 40); John Casken (Darting the Stifft); Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95)

12.00 Proms Composer of the Weetc Beethoven

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, the final concert of the 1996-7 season Takacs Quartet, Haydin (String Quartet in F, Op 74 No 2); Beethoven (String Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3, Rasumovsky)

2.05 Utster Orchestra, under Jacek Kaspszyk, Adilia Aleva, plano. Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor); Tchalkovsky (Plano Concerto); Victor Herbert (Hero and Leander)

3.45 Sacophone Colessus, Sonny Pollins talks about his work with the trumpeter Don Cherry and the

his work with the trumpeter Don Cherry and the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins in the 1960s (5/6) 4.15 Music Restored (r)

5.00 Music Machine. Tornny Pearson talks to Major Terry Davies of the Band of the Welsh Guards 5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green 7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Brian Morton introduces a concert given at last year's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Conductor Jerzy Malsymulic, Patrica Rozario, soprano, Stephen Richardson, bass. Tawener (Aldmetova Regulerti). Conductor Tan Durr, Susan Botti. soprano. Stroop Heram Incorr. Susan Botti, soprano, Simon Heram, tenor saxophone. Tan Dun (Orchestral Theatre III) 9.35 Role Play. See Choice (1/5) 10.00 Volces. The pranist lain Burnside introduces and

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Gleich; Analyteons Grav, Gastelland Robert Sandall with Madchens)
10.45 Mbding ft. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall with the last programme of the series
11.30 Composers of the Week Early Spanish Music Introduced by Catherine Bott (r)
12.30am Jazz Notas. Digby Fairweather presents a profile of Charlle Teagarderi
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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10.30 Women's Hour (F45)
11.30 Inside Money, with Paul Lewis (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Alice Beer
12.25pm Brain of Britain. The third semi-linal chaired
by Robert Robinson 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Road to Paradise, by Julia Pascal (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laulis Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. In the first of a week
of retrospective programmes featuring the
presenters; Lyrne Walker recals her Edinburgh
roots where her love of concerts and opera began

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7.30 News 7.35 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Dead Welt, by Paul
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white South African conscript was ordered to carry

white South African conscript was ordered to carn a wounded black freedom lighter on his back through the bush. With Mick Ford 9.15 Colour Radio, The first of a series exploring the sounds of colour (1/6) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (1) 8.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tenight, with Isabel Hillion 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Capitalin Corelli's Mandolin, had be led Berniem (8/15)

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11.00 Talles from the Wildside. Fergus Keeling explores the passion for wildlife of three field scientists (3/4) (r)
11.00 Education Mathers (LW), with David Walter 11.30 Pet Semastary (FM) (3/6) (r)
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12.00 News; (FM) Weather 12.30am Late Book: The The White Boy Shuffle, by Paul Beatly. Set in the heart of America's urban culture. Reed by Ray Shell (1/10).

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South Africa counts the cost of deep decline in gold price Inigo Gilmore looks at the knock-on economic of restaurants, shops, and

rade unions, economic analysts and industry leaders are painting a picture of a bleak social crisis in South Africa with the tumbling gold price threatening mine closures, a surge in unemployment and the possible demise of mining communtiles.

Economists estimate that as many as 50,000 goldminers could lose their jobs if old prices fail to rise from their current L2-year low. But it is not just mining jobs in one of the country's biggest industries that are at risk. For every three miners of the 350,000 employed countrywide, at least one person is employed in related industries such as explosives, steel, drilling machinery and engineering. Communities in several parts of the country depend exclusively on the mines for their survival.

Ben Molapo, a spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), said: "This is major crisis and communities who get spin off from mines could go down badly if the mines go.

"Miners cannot be integrated easily into other economic activities and there is already large scale unemployment. The picture is bleak and so far the Govenment and the industry has not come up with social plans to address this problem." Last Thursday, the gold

price fell to its weakest level since 1985 and the slide could not have come at a worse time. Among the producers with the highest costs in the world. South African mines have suffered falling output since the 1970s and last year it was a dismal 496 tonnes. With a gold price that lingers at or below \$320 an ounce, more mines are pushed to the marginal fringes and more jobs are at risk as employers attempt to cut costs.

The gold price slide last week was set off by an Australian Central Bank announcement that it had sold 60 per cent of its gold reserves. There are fears that other central banks will follow suit — a development that would be likely to result in a further depression in prices

for years to come. One analyst in Johannesburg said that even at \$320 an ounce more than half of South

effects of threatened job cuts among miners



For every three miners in work, at least one person is employed in related industries

Africa's mines are unprofitable. At \$305 only five would stay open for long.

Roger Baxter, senior economist at the Chamber of Mines in Johannesburg, said that in the first three months of this year, nine goldmines, with 63,000 employees, were classified as marginal and seven of those were operating at a loss. With a third of the country's population out of work, and miners supporting on averge between seven and ten people on their salaries of around 2,000 rands a month. any major job cuts would place an ominous burden on the Government, whose job

creation schemes have borne little fruit.

Furthermore, with the country holding an estimated 40 per cent of the world's gold reserves -- it still accounts for a quarter of the gross domestic product and half of export earnings - damage to the The Benoni Plant of East

industry could seriously shake confidence in the rand. Rand Proprietary Mines near Johannesburg closed down last Monday partly because of the falling gold price. Marginal mines such as Durban Roodepoort Deep, situated west of Johannesburg, are in serious trouble. The 102-

year-old mine had as many as 18,000 workers in its heyday but now employs only 2,000. Their ambitious expansion plans were written when the

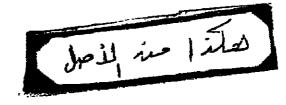
But it is the rural areas where the economic and social burden linked to mine closures would be most keenly felt. The goldmines are the only source of income for many small towns such as Orkney in North West Province and Virginia in the Free State. They could simply end up becoming ghost towns. Large scale retrenchments would have a devastating knock-on effect as hundreds

children has risen over recent years as their families cannot

supplemented the mining income but the land cannot cope with the pressures of this increased demand. Crime has become a huge problem. Stock theft is up and there has been a rapid growth in gang gold price stood at \$400. related violence. In addition, the number of abandoned

> afford to feed them. There are fears that that this scenario could be replicated across the region unless swift and decisive action is taken to reverse the decline. High on the industry's agenda is finding ways of increasing productivity by working more shifts, but for some mines at least it is probably too late.

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India via a roundabout, if not scenic route

wonderful stage in his journalistic career when nobody any longer questions what he is doing. "I'm off to India," he announced a few months ago. Nobody at the BBC posed the sort of questions that lesser mortals would have encountered, such as why?" or "do you know anything about India?". They just smiled, gave him a camera crew and told hun to send a postcard.

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So he did. David Dimbleby's India (BBC2, Saturday and Sunday) was the equivalent of several postcards. He found a story, he pointed a camera at it and moved on. He would worry about how to link them together when he got back to England. But then the general election happened, brother ionathan threatened to steal his thunder with his fly-on-the-Patten series about Hong Kong and, what with one thing or another, brother David never got round to worrying

The result was 100 minutes of rambling, contradictory television that was far more enjoyable than it had any right to be. The only real disappointment was that he never got round to "India — a land of contrasts": an opportunity missed on such occasions. Two themes ran loosely through

the programmes, with the empha-sis on loosely. The first was economic progress, or as Dimbleby put it, "trying to catch up with the 20th century, so it can take part in the 21st. The second was the expanding role of women, or as Dimbleby put it: "Have you got a boyfriend?" His schoolgirl audience giggled politely, before explaining that things were differ-ent in India. Put like that (the themes, not the

boyfriends), it all sounded quite promising. Not quite Mark Tully but good enough. But then

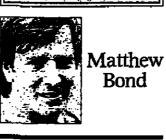
about the linking together process very much at all.

Dimbleby got diverted, at some length, by the Bihar fodder scam, where an awful lot of non-existent cows had allegedly attracted 900 million dollars of very real agricultural aid, and then by the human interest stories that you stumble over on every corner in India.

n Saturday, it was unwanted female babies, while last night it was a boy with no legs who swung himself around on his arms and wanted to become a tailor. Neither story had much to do with his main arguments, but Dimbleby knew they would move a British audience, so stuck them in anyway. Given that the alternative was more Indian agricultural policy, it was the right decision.

Last night's slightly more ordered programme ensured that most of the important points had been covered, albeit in no particular order. The bane that is India's

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birthrate; the threat to democracy when the benefits of progress accrue (very slowly) to an urban few rather than the rural many, and the gradual changes in India's class structure. We met slum-dwellers, the lower middle class and diamond-dealing Indian yuppies. But Dimbleby left us with a member of India's emerging managerial class, whose proudly

stated aim in life was to become "a

big-shot". By which he meant "a character) and the fact that these big house, a chauffeur-driven car. foreign holidays". In short, he wanted to be a Dimbleby and frankly, on the evidence of this jolly jaunt, who wouldn't?

After 17 minutes of Dalziel & Pascoe (BBCl, Saturday) I was confident 1 had cracked both the case of the dead cyclist and the murdered old soldier. As the next 73 minutes revealed, I couldn't have been more wrong or more pleased to be wrong. Over the past five weeks (four new stories, one opportunist repeat) the screen adaptations of Reginald Hill's novels have emerged as very good television - right up there with the chief inspectors Morse and Wexford. Their only real problem, curiously, is the lack of commercials, which tends to make a 90minute episode rather hard work. Their strengths are the welljudged humour (which never

strays beyond the bounds of

are true ensemble productions in a way that the rivals are not. Warren Clarke's wonderful Dalziel, who spent most of Saturday night under a cloud of suspected corruption and single malt whisky, is happy to leave large chunks of plot to Colin Buchanan's increasingly thoughtful Pascoe. He, in turn, is happy to cede substantial bits of

out to be still on the side of truth and justice in the end (how could we, let alone Pascoe, have thought otherwise?) which means that Yorkshire's finest will be back; just as soon as Hill's written a few more novels. But no sooner than one treat goes, another returns. Frazier (Channel 4) was back, restoring

Friday night to a sublime state of

unmissability. First Friends,

where's Ross's experiment with

alziel, naturally, turned

hair-gel is beginning to look like a terrible mistake. Then the somewhat underrated Cvbill, where Cybill Shepherd and Christine Baransky are much funnier - and a whole lot ruder - than you'd expect them to be. And now, a new

series of Frazier: perfect. The opening episode was laughout-loud funny, partly because the writers had uncharacteristically borrowed a bit of old-fashioned British farce (the simple lie that quickly gets out of hand) and partly because of Scott Atkinson's truly terrible English accent. He was the son that Dick Van Dyke and Mary Poppins thankfully never had.

The fact that humour overcame such a handicap is down to the superb cast, Miles's infectious delight on the rare occasions he gets to kiss Daphne, and the fact that old-fashioned British farce can be very, very funny. Even when it's done by Americans.

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6.00am Business Breakfast (47581) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (12269). 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3457714) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1871820) 9.50 Kilroy (1) (5550288) 10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (64559)

11.00 News (T) and weather (7041066) 11.05 Due South Fraser suspects the local supermarket is selling horse meat when a youngster becomes seriously it with food

poisoning (r) (T) (5651838) 11.50 Good Neighbours (2068849) 12.00 News (I) regional news and weather

12.05pm Call My Bluff (6206207) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (8954066) 1.00 News (T) and weather (15356) 1.30 Regional News (42539337) 1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the

Heartbroken Bride (1993) with Raymond Burn and Barbara Hale. The ace attorney uses all his sleuthing skills to scupper a murderer out to frame a pop star at her society wedding. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (3651375) 3.10 Quincy (9433288)

4.00 Popeye (r) (7990530) 4.10 Bananaman (r) (8512085) 4.15 Casper (T) (4391608) 4.35 Run the Risk (r) (T) (8001356) 5.00 Newsround (T) (1147424) 5.10 Elidor. New children's tantasy adventure (r) (T)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (1998085) 6.00 News (i) and weather (191) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (443)

7.00 Big Break with Peter Ebdon, Ken Doherty and Joe Johnson (T) (5462) 7.30 Mastermind from the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough, Specialist sub-jects are the Dreylus affair, the life and painting of Rossetti, symphonic choral music and golf links in Britain and Ireland.

Magnus Magnusson asks the questions 8.00 EastEnders (an throws open the doors of

his new chip shop (1) (1882) 8.30 Auntie's Natural Bloomers Terry Wogan serves up another selection of out-takes (T) (9707) 9.00 News (1) regional news and weether

9.30 Birds of a Feather Sharon womes her hiological clock is ticking away and decides the time has come to have a

baby (T) (95917) ma Uncovering an international network of illegal smugglers who tran-sport-illegal immigrants into Britain and he rest of Europe (1) (100288)

10.45 She Says She's Innocent (1991) Kaley Sagal plays a mother forced to face up to the fact that her seemingly sweet leerage daughter is the prime suspect in a murder investigation. Also with Jameson Parker and Charlotte Ross. Directed by Charles Correll (574443)

12.15am When a Stranger Calls Back (1993) Carol Kane stars as a woman temorised by a psychotic murderer. Directed by Fred Walton (2435775) 1.40 Weather (3534950) .

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: Testing Teachers? (7031288) 6.25 Managing Schools (7010795) 6.50 An English Education (6241849)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6996004) 7.30 The Moomins (7015462) 7.55 To Me, to

You (r) (6956714) 8.20 Brum (6634795) 8.35 Raccoons (2556424) 9.00 Cartoon (5766608) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (1866998)

9.35 Great Myths and Mysteries of the 20th Century The development of the British Del-lavilland DH106 Cornet (2537240) 10.00 Teletubbies (96379)

10.30 Julius - Caesar (1953) Acclaimed adaptation of Shakespeare's play staining Marlon Brando and John Gielgud. Directed by Joseph L. Manklewicz (39288)

12.30pm Working Lunch (73795) 1.00 Joshus Jones (25168207) 1.10 Off the Besten Track. The Muskerry line between Cork and Blamey (37305725) 1.40 Blockbusters (59538240) 2.05 The Natural World (r) (T) (5841795) 3.00 News; regional news (T) and weather

(1081998) 3.05 Old, Dirty and Late inside Story investigates why a London commuter rail line has fallen into diserray (r) (1) (6939462)

3.55 News (T) and weather (2420288) 4.00 The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962) John Ford western chronicling the conflict that erupts between ruthless gunslingers, With Lee Marvin, James Stewart and John Wayne (2511)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (I)

7.28 Talking Tate (594511)



Presenter Michael Berkeley (7,30pm)

7.30 The Farewell Gala To celebrate the last 50 years of the Royal Opera House, and mark its imminent two-year closure, Michael Berkeley introduces this star-studded spectacular live from Covent Garden. Featuring Placido Domingo and Sylvie Guillem, Ballet excerpts include La Valse, Manon and Le Corsaire (1) (93530) 9.00 The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine plans for an unusual funeral (r) (T) (7581)

9.30 The Farewell Gais Continued (T) (5319608) NB: Subsequent pro-grammes are subject to late running 10.45 Newsmight (257820) 11.30 The Phil Silvers Show (348578) 11.55 Weather (105694) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (82979)

12.30em Learning Zone: Open University: the Baptistery, Padua 1.00 Caribbean Poetry 1.30 La Bonne Formule 2.00 Summer Nights: Star Gazing Collections 1 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 4.30 Royal Institution Discourse: Science and Fine Art 5.30 RCN Nursing Update Unit 72

HTV 6.00am GMTV (7375220) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1872559) 9.55 Judge Judy New series presided over by

outspoken family court judge Judy Sheindlin (T) (4585288) 10.20 News (T) (8370085) 10.25 Regional News (T) (8379356)

10.30 Daddy (1991) with Patrick Duffy, Lynda Carter and Kate Mulgrew. Adaptation of Danielle Steel's novel about a man having to adapt to the role of single parent when his wife goes off to study. Directed by Michael Miller (94062608)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (8518443) 12.30 News (I) and weather (8973191) 12.55 The Pulse (8958882) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (37660627) 1.50 Side Effects (4521191) 2.40 Dr Quinn: Medicine

Woman (7461882) 3.20 News (T) (1098288) 3.25 Regional News

3.30 Tots TV (r) (4397733) 3.40 Caribou Klitchen : (1688356) 3.50 Tiny Toon Adventures (1) (6273627) 4.15 Woof! (r) (T) (397801) 4.45 On Your Marks (T) 5.10 Highway to Heaven (1791191)

5.40 News (T) and weather (164191) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (844608) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (122998) 6.25 HTV Weather (461424) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (511) 7.00 Wheel of Fortune (T) (4630) 7.30 Coronation Street Alan is upset when

Fiona defends Steve (T) (795) 8.00 World in Action The strange story of the sports commentator, the Lottery Fund and a lot of public cash (1) (6578) 8.30 Goodnight Mr Bean (r) (5085)



Richard Jobson and family (9.00pm)

Neighbours from Hell According to a survey, one in seven of us dreams of having different neighbours (T) (1511) 10.00 News (T) and weather (41608)

10.30 Regional News (1) (643733) 10.40 The Happiest Hospital Report on the plan to build a new children's hospital in the South West (513998) 11.15 Limited Edition (654608)

11.45 Tropical Heat (927337) 12.40am into Thin Air (1985) with Ellen Burstyn, Robert Prosky and Sam Robards, A frantic mother hires a private detective when her son disappears while attending summer school in Colorado.

Directed by Roger Young (183080) 2.30 Rockmania (r) (27009) 3.30 God's Gift (r) (8283641) 4.25 Recoffections (78640689)

4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (22924399) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (94399)

CENTRAL As HTV West except: 10.30am Our House (59627)

11.00 Side Effects (9416019) 11.50 Chatsworth (3586646) 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8958882)

1.50 Blue Heelers (8997337) 2.50-3.20 High Road (8390849) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1791191) 6.25-7.00 Central News (266795) 10.40 Film: The Face of Fear (32175628)

12.40 War of the Worlds (5161009) 1.40 Late and Loud (9498009) 2.40 Film: Lambada — The Forbidden

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

10.30 Our House (59627) 11.00 Side Effects (9416019) 11.50 Chatsworth (3586646) 12.55pm Home and Away (8958882)

1.25 High Road (41800135) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8905356)

2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (8390849) 5.10 Home and Away (1791191) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (78240) 10.30 Westcountry News (634085)

10.45 The View from Here (683117)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (927337) MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

10.30am Film: Hart to Hart Returns 12,55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (8958882)

1.50 At Home (59545530) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5855998) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1791191)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (559) 6.30-7.00 Summer Getaways (511)

10.45 Fair Cops (657795) 11.15 Go Fishing (654608)

11.45 Swift Justice (927337)

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1.50 Dancing in the Dark (1949) A musical cornedy, with William Powell, Betsy Drake and Adolphe Menjou. Directed by Irving Reis (T) (49662714) 3.30 Here's One 1 Made Earlier (T) (917) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (424) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8095795) 4.55 Montel

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du Louron (801) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (153) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (760356)

7.50 York Early Music Festival The first of five daily visits. The Rose Consort of Viols perform John Dowland's 1604 Seaver Teares figured in Seaven Passionale Pavans (373240)

8.00 Charte Dosh Adam Faith's guide to money management, featuring the benefits of shopping abroad with sterling and an update on a fledgeling London restaurateur (7/8) (T) (7820) 8.30 Absolutely Animals Rescuing wild donkeys in Death Valley, California. How

Edinburgh Zoo is building enclosures to stimulate their occupants (6/8) (T) (3627) 9.00 CHOICE Secret History: Gold Fever The story of the Klondike gold rush (T) (9153)

10.00 NYPD Blue Sipowicz smells a rat when (T) (832375)



Andrea Jackson (10.55pm)

10.55 Perverted Justice Women on death row in America (T) (721820)11.55 The Russian Idea A look at Russian

cinema (138191) 1.00am Urga (1991) A comedy about the friendship between a Mongollan sheep farmer and a Russian truck driver. Directed by Nikita Mikhalkov. English

subtitles (43883979) 3.05 Broadway Stories (r) (T) (5350009) 3.40 The Big Fish (r) (20719711) 3.55 Tolerance for the Dead. The activities of the American Missing in Action teams (8284370) 4.55 Tour de France (r) (22926757) 5.25 Backdate (r) (T) (6274776)

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6.00am 5 News Early (9429240)

7.30 Havakazoo (7262627) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7152424) 8.30 WideWorld. The nature, evolution and structure of the living earth. Last in series

9.00 Espresso (3852085) 10.00 Exclusive! (r) (5831795) 10.30 Attractions (r) (7171559) 11.00 Leeza (6713375) 11.50 Double Espresso (19564733) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7155511) 12.30pm Family Affairs (t) (T) (4736269)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (54114545) 1.05 Sunsel Beach (T) (8779356) 2.00 5's Company (6742511)

3.30 After the Promise (1987) with Mark Harmon and Diana Scarwid. The true story of a widower's fight to gain custody of his four sons. Directed by David Greene (1278356) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68892269)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7509849) 6.00 Move on Up A game show with a host -Richard Morton (T) (7599462) 6.30 Family Affairs Lee finally wakes from his

coma (T) (7580714) 7.00 Exclusive! A special report on Plastic Fantastic (cosmetic surgery), taking a look at stars who have their bodies interview with the Page 3 Girl, Melinda Messenger (6949153)

7.30 Close Encounters Wildlife documentar London (T) (7586998)

8.00 Hot Property This week's buyers are a middle-aged couple with a disabled son. Cheshire (T) (6858801)

8.30 5 News (T) (6844608)



9.00 Runaway Train (1985) with Jon Voight, Eric Roberts and Rebecca DeMornay. Unconventional action movie about a victous criminal and a lellow immate who escape from an Alaska jail and hide on a driverless train. Directed by Andrei Konchalovsky (9753795)

11.00 Not the Jack Docherty Show Guests include Gary Barlow (2140207) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9391559)

12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (81470283) 4.40 The Streets of San Francisco

(6189931) 5,30 100 Per Cent (r) (3833950)

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Pumbas (5174646) 8.10 Gool Troop (4547191) 9.00 Tale Spn (6335337) 9.25 Aladdn (6768620) 10.15 Mighty Ducks (3065191) 11.00 Boy Moes World (5211356) 11.25 The Wonder Years (221356) 11.25 The Wonder Years (4450040) 11.50 Timon and Pumbas (4500627) 12.05pm Bonkers (1028795) 12.30 Mouse and Mole (38628646) 12.35 Big Garaga (25962085) 12.50 Sing Me a Story (8029085) 1.15 Amazing Animals (53420849) 1.40 Adventures in Wonderland (21803066) 2.05 Small Stories (55965207) 2.10 Lamb Chop's Play Along (2562830) 2.40 Care Bears (7085714) 3.00 Little Mermaid (4959085) 3.25 Timon and Pumbas (5385998) 3.26 Timon and Pumbas (5385998) 3.26 Timon and (5443191) 4.30 Evenytay's a Chooseday (5530) 5.00 Aladoin (4898027) 5.25 Timon (5500871) 4.30 Pales (550087 827) 5.25 Timo (5530) 5,00 Aladdin (4) (5530) 5,00 Alacton (4006027) 5,25 into and Purtue (596451) 8,35 Mg/hy Ducks (200375) 6,00 Flash Forward (3795) 6,30 8oy Meets World (7375) 7,00 Brotherly Love (1462) 7,30 Fl.Mit One Christmas (8183) 9,00 Dave's World (83563) 9,30-10,00 Lite's Work (96207)

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12.00 Byker Grove (4384356) 12.30pm Ready or Not (8842849) 1.00 Madison (9549207) 1.30 Sweet Valley High 8834820) 2.00 Swart's Crotsing (283 8834(820) 2.00 Swan's Crossing (2835511) 2.30 No Nakad Flames (9960375) 3.00 Syker Grove (2854645) 3.30 Hangtime (9965820) 4.00 California Dreams (9965820) 4.00 California Dreams (9965820) 4.30 Saved by the Bell (994051) 5.00 Sweet Valley High (2859191) 5.30 Ready or Not (9964191) 6.00 Hangtime (9961004) 8.30 Madison (9962356) 7.00 Sweet Valley High (2859197) 7.30 Sweet Valley High (28597) 8.30 Sweet Seved by the Bell (2846627) 7.30-8.00 California Dreams (9941240) BRAVO

1.00am LA Heel (4378912) 2.00 Tour o Duty (5732689) 3.00 Fil.M: The Music of Chance (8937009) 5.00 New Tweight Zone (6994660) 5.30 Monsters (1056196) PARAMOUNT COMEDY 7.00cm Roseanne (9462) 7.30 Family Ties. (1559) 8.00 E LK (5882) 8.30 Wings (4917) 9.00 Cheers (62153) 9.30 Cytoli (38269) 10.00 Frasier (15820) 10.30 It's Garry Shanding's Show (91240) 11.00 In Bed with McDerner (7498) 11.30 Kids in the Hall (55153) 12.00 Scep (55009) 12.30ass The Odd Couple (12660) 1.00 Cheers (85776) 1.30 Cytoli (91825) 2.00 E LK (48950) 2.30 in Bed with McDerner (32757) 2.00 Frasier (68912) 3.304-0,00 Winos 3.00 Frasier (65912) 3.30-4.00 Wings THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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Supermarkets must share petrol burden, say oil firms

SUPERMARKET chains would be forced to store vast additional quantities of petrol, a cost that would put upward pressure on prices, under proposals put forward by oil companies as part of the Office of Fair Trading inquiry into the petrol market.

Big oil groups such as BP, Shell and Elf claim current legislation on compulsory stocks - reserves of petrol held by the industry to

ensure continuity of supply in the event of war — give an unfair advantage to independent petrol

in evidence to the OFT later this month, integrated oil companies will tell John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, that supermarket chains, including Tesco and J Sainsbury, should be required to shoulder a greater share of the burden of ensuring continuous supplies. The OFT launched an inquiry into petrol

retailing, including the effects of alleged predatory pricing by Esso through its PriceWatch campaign, last month. National Economics Research Associates, an independent consultancy, was appointed to determine the impact of an increase in the number of low-cost super-

market outlets. Detailed questionnaires sent by the OFT to the oil industry and consumer groups must be returned by August I. The outcome of the inquiry, the latest in a long series of probes by regulatory bodies, is expected in the autumn.

Although the issue of compulsory stocks does not directly fall within the remit of this latest inquiry, integrated oil companies will seize the opportunity "to press for a level playing field," according to one source.

Oil companies with refineries must hold sufficient stocks to cover 75 days of forward supplies. The requirement for independent retailers with no refining capacity is 65

days. Although the disparity may appear minimal, the high volumes of petrol involved mean that the capital cost of fulfilling this legal requirement is substantial. Elf's Millord Haven refinery produces 1.4 billion litres of petrol each year. With profit margins falling below 4p per litre of petrol for much of the past 12 months — many forecourts have sold petrol at a loss

for lengthy periods -- oil com-

panies say the modest difference

enjoyed by supermarkets trans-

Chris Hunt, a spokesman for the UK Petroleum Industries Association, which represents the leading oil companies, said: "It is a contentious issue that needs to be addressed. It is an unfair advantage held by supermarkets over the oil companies at a time when profit margins are minimal." Mr Hunt estimates compulsory stocks cost oil companies about £40 million a year in interest charges.

about 23 per cent of the petrol retail market, with Sainsbury alone selling about 1.95 billion litres a year. Julian Risley, head of petrol at Sainsbury, disputed claims that supermarkets enjoyed an unfair advantage. He argued that inte-grated oil companies mostly fulfil the compulsory stocks requirement with products they need to maintain for operational purposes. "It heavily favours integrated players," he said.

Heathrow cuts stretched BA before action

By Jon Ashworth

BRITISH AIRWAYS has admitted that overstretched resources at Heathrow resulted in baggage delays and flight cancellations well in advance of last week's industrial action by cabin crew.

High numbers of passeners transferring from other lights, coupled with bad weather and staff shortages, pushed resources to breaking point in late June. Cabin crew shortages resulted in three long-haul cancellations, an overnight delay, and a shorthaul cancellation.

The details, disclosed in BA's staff newspaper, point to the longer-term consequences of BA's cost-cutting drive, pioneered by Bob Ayling, the chief executive. BA wants El billion in annual cost savings by 2000 and is ruthlessly streamlining its operations.

Controversy over the measures is set to overshadow the BA annual meeting, which takes place in London tomorrow. Last year's threatened pilots' strike cost BA an estibusiness, and analysts put the cost of the current strike action at £15 million to £20 million per day. The precise cost is difficult to quantify, since passengers on full fare tickets can switch to other carriers without notifying BA. Analysts intend to revise their forecasts once the full impact of the industrial action becomes clearer. BA made a pre-tax profit of £640 million last year, on sales of £8.4 billion, and analysts have forecast profits of £715 million.

The potential for trouble at Heathrow stems from the high number of passengers transferring to BA from other flights. About 40 per cent of passengers flying with BA fit this category — Heathrow is an important feeder for traffic from mainland Europe - and BA personnel fear any slight hiccough threatens a damaging knock-on effect.

Bad weather in London and an air traffic control (ATC) failure in France contributed to the June incident. According to the BA report: "Transfer loads reached record levels and staff shortages in terminals meant that resources were stretched beyond limits.

The impact on baggage was considerable and Heathsuffered badly, particularly at the end of the week, from late arrivals caused by French ATC and adverse weather, major baggage system breakdowns on Friday and Saturday, as well as the sheer

volume." BA denied having a problem with resources at Heathrow, and blamed its difficulties on isolated conditions. Flights were arriving up to an hour late because of bad weather, leaving little time in which to transfer baggage.

BA insiders say the high volume of transfer passengers leaves the carrier with little room for manoeuvre. Anger over BA's cost-cutting measures has resulted in "goslows", and seen baggage handlers (employed by BA at Terminal 1 and Terminal 4) refusing to load aircraft, further delaying flights.

Problems have been exacerbated by the breakdown of new baggage machinery installed by BAA, which operates Heathrow. Heathrow handles 55 million passengers

a year.
The company was yesterday battling to restore a full service despite disruption caused by the continued absence of staff after services were crippled by the 72-hour walk-out.

employees who called in sick, 200 have reported fit for work and about 150 of the 331 crew that were on strike have now called in for work. It is expected to take until at least midweek before normal service can be resumed.

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Sony is spending around £6 million to buy Millennium. a



Game brains: the team behind Medievil, the computer game developed by Millennium, which Sony plans to double in size

Sony spends £6m on research base

software development group SONY, the Japanese electron-

ics company, is to set up a research base with 100 employees in Cambridge to develknown as artificial life.

The move is a vote of confidence in the expertise of British computer programmers and follows last month's decision by Microsoft to spend £50 million developing a research centre in the area now

being dubbed silicon fen. Sony is spending around £6 based in Cambridge and jointly owned by lan Santer and Michael Hayward.

ployees, will become Sony's Cambridge studio, which Sony plans to double in size during the next 18 months. As part of the deal, Sony is entering into a development agreement with CyberLife Technology, a company run by Mr Hayward, which is one of the world leaders in artifical

life. This technology marries

artificial intelligence with the three-dimentional graphics used in computer games to create what are described as

"The creatures behave like a pet or a child," said Anil Malhutra, a programmer at CyberLife. "You can encourage what it does but you cannot make it do anything. The creature feels hungry, tired even bored or afraid." The technology was developed for computer games and is now being applied more widely. NCR, the US financial technology group, has hired CyberLife to model a virtual bank so that it can predict machines would be most pop-

ular with consumers. Sony will now have technology centres in the UK; it owns Psygnosis, the games maker in Liverpool. "In the interactive games industry. the UK is where the creativity and talent is," said Juan Montes, vice president of software development at Sony.

Discovery to launch themed retailers

By ERIC REGULY

DISCOVERY Communications, the American documentary maker that has formed a \$500 million (£295 million) joint programming venture with the BBC, is to launch a chain of nature and sciencethemed retailers in Britain and continental Europe.

The effort stems from Discovery's purchase last year of the Nature Company stores in the US. The 134 stores will be recast as Discovery outlets, at a cost of up to \$300,000 per store, including the two at Heathrow and Gatwick.

John Hendricks, founder and chairman of Discovery, said additional Discovery stores will be built elsewhere in Britain, starting in London. and in continental Europe. We feel we have reached the critical mass to justify the stores," he said.

The stores will carry products related to the Discovery Channel, the cable and satellite network that is available in more than 100 million homes in about 150 countries, BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC, owns 20 per cent of the Discovery Channel in the US. Discovery Channel Europe, launched in 1989, is available in 12,5 million homes. The Discovery channels. which draw a lot of their content from the librairies; carry a wide range of factual programming in the science, nature, adventure, history and exploration areas. Related products, from interactive CDs and models of dinosaurs to fossils and telescopes, and will be sold in Discovery stores. They probably will also contain BBC products, such as videos, CDs and books.

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BT to begin talks over MCI merger discount

By Eric Reguly

THE chairman of MCI arrives in London today in a bid to stave off BT's attemps to cut the price it has agreed to pay for the US telecoms group.

The talks between Bert Roberts, MCI's chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive, come in the wake of the surprise announcement that MCI's local phone business will lose \$800 million (£500 million) this year. The negotiations will be fraught with difficulties and may ultimately fail. BT agreed last November to

pay about £13 billion for MCI, the second-largest long-distance phone company in the US. But if BT pushes too hard, MCI may be tempted to abandon the deal or take legal action for breach of contract. If, on the other hand, BT

agrees to leave the purchase price unchanged or receives only a small concession, it will risk incurring the wrath of its oowerful institutional shareholders, including the Prudential and Mercury Asset

Management.
Insiders at both companies said they will work on the assumption that BT and MCI are eager to find some way to complete the merger, which will create a global telecoms company called Concert. BT said the deal still makes strategic sense because it needs a strong presence in America, the world's largest phone market MCI, for its part, needs BT to help to finance its multibillion-dollar drive into the local markets. Traders said MCI's share

price would collapse if BT Sir Peter is said to be furious

that he was not informed about the deeper losses in MCI's local business until last week. "Bonfield doesn't like surprises," said a colleague.

Sir Peter's anger is such that he is expected to press for the resignations of several senior managers at MCI. Doug Maine, the MCI linance director who was to become Concert's finance director, and Tim Price, head of MCI's telecoms business, are thought to be the most vulnerable.

Sir Peter is to go to MCI's headquarters in Washington after BT's annual meeting on Wednesday to investigate the losses suffered by MCI's local

Hopes for 'plastic euro' fade

PLANS to print euro notes on plastic have been scrapped by the European Commission after banknote printers gave warning that the ink can come off easily

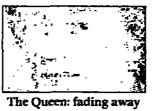
The Federal Reserve Bank of Australia suffered acute embarrassment when the Queen's head started to disappear from its new plastic banknotes. Creasing causes the print of the Sovereign to fade. Ardent republicans can easily scratch the Queen's head off with their finger nails, leaving only the seethrough plastic underneath. John Haslop, technical manager at De La Rue, the

security printers, said: "Plas-

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ered following the example of the Australian central bank, the first in the world to print all its notes on plastic. In theory, plastic notes can remain in circulation signifi-

cantly longer than paper notes because they do not rip. Central banks have to replace the plastic notes less frequently, thereby reducing their cost. But according to a confidential De La Rue report. which has been sent to the Commission, paper notes are nevertheless preferable, not

least because creasing does not wear out the ink. The now opted for traditional paper notes. Mr Haslop said there was a

multitude of problems con-nected to plastic notes and the less sophisticated printing process involved. Ink can only be applied superficially to plastic, compared to paper notes, while security features such as water marks cannot be incorporated. This has increased the threat from counterfeiters.

Paper notes last around 18 months, according to De La Rue research, while plastic notes last an average of 32 months. But because plastic notes are twice as expensive to make, paper is still the more cost-effective form of legal

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All workers will be covered

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THE European Union's law

on maximum working hours

is to be extended to nearly six

million more workers under

proposals to be endorsed to-

morrow by the Commission.
In a move to "correct" the
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tions. Padraig Flynn, the So-cial Affairs Commissioner.

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The original directive, which excludes mainly work-

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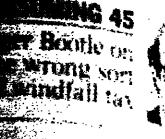
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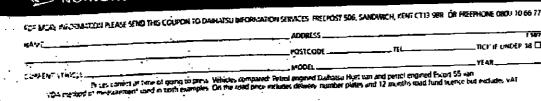


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The American entertainer Liza Minelli singing at Roncalli Square near Cologne Cathedral at the weekend during an open-air concert attended by 6,000 fans

Bureau fears revenge attack

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A range of "derogations" will continue for a range of jobs such as shift workers in RELATIVES of Mir Aimal the health field, police and Kansi, the Pakistani captured business executives. Workers in the offshore oil and gas to face allegations that he shot industry will continue to be deemed "mobile". However, dead two CIA employees out-side the agency's headquarters the aim of the law is to cover in 1993, are considering a retaliatory strike against

Junior doctors will no longer be excluded from the 48hour rule, but there will be an "on-call" hours are not all stan's border with Afghanistan, by a joint team of American and Pakistani troops. He is detained in Fairfax County, awaiting trial for murder on November 3. According to Newsweek,

American interests. Newsweek American intelligence agencies have picked up "solid magazine reports today. Mr Kansi, who was on the information" that members of Mr Kansi's family are planning to hit back at American was captured last month in Dera Ghazi Khan, on Pakidiplomatic missions or other

facilities in the region. The Kansi clan, a wealthy and influential group in the North-West Frontier, has apparently discussed the possibility of an attack on their home turf or in America

An unnamed American official is quoted as saying: "This is an aggrieved family with a score to settle." The FBI is said to be "taking the tough talk

FBI finds most of Chinese funding 'was legal'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE FBI appeared yesterday to undermine hearings into irregular fundraising for President Clinton's re-election by finding that most of the \$2 million (E3.2 million) which China employed to increase its influence was spent legally. according to investigators.

After months of allegations surrounding the Asian money trail leading to the White House, FBI agents said they had no evidence linking Beijing to illegal money that had been channeled into last year's elections in America. Most of the Chinese money had been spent on legal lobbying and invitations to Beijing for influential senators and others, according to US News and World Report.

An unidentified FBI official told the magazine that the Chinese added only \$200,000 to their existing ventures in the US last year and that less than half that amount went towards campaign contributions. This appeared to contradict separate reports that Louis Freeh, the FBI director, members of the CIA and the National Security Agency, had cleared a statement last week by Fred Thompson, the Republican senator who is chairing a Senate inquiry into irregular fundraising.

Mr Thompson, in a charge immediately denied by Beijing, said he had seen FBI evidence of China's efforts to influence US political campaigns.

At issue in the Senate inquiry, which continues today, is whether Mr Clinton and aides at the Democratic National Committee last year actively solicited and accepted contributions from foreign individuals and businesses, an offence under federal law.

Mr Thompson said yester-day that his statement, in which the Chinese were alleged still to be targeting both federal and state elections, was based on highly classified communications intercepts and had been made available to both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate governmental

WORLD IN BRIEF

Gang wars bring troops to Naples

Naples: The first 300 Italian troops have arrived here in response to a government decision to send in the military to help to quell a wave of violence between criminal clans. The Government said last week that it would send 500 soldiers to take over guard duties around Naples, freeing police to focus on stopping the mob violence that has swept the city.

The decision to send in troops was taken after two suspected members of the Camorra, the Naples version of the Mafia, were shot in broad daylight and a number of bystanders, including an eight-year-old girl, were injured in gunfights, About 86 people have been killed and dozens have been injured in territorial Camorra clashes since the beginning of the year. (Reuter)

Demirel 'regrets' detentions

Ankara: President Demirel of Turkey expressed regret at the number of journalists imprisoned in the country at a meeting with a Western delegation of reporters seeking their release. the Anatolian news agency said.

"I am sorry that Turkey is the country with the highest number of journalists in prison," he said at a meeting with members of the Committee to Protect Journalists. The delegation was led by Terry Anderson, a former Associated Press reporter held hostage in Lebanon for seven years. At least 78 journalists are imprisoned in Turkey. (Reuter)

Volcanic gases kill rangers

Tokyo: Three members of Japan's Self-Defence Force died and IS others were ill. apparently poisoned by gas from a volcanic hor spring during a training exercise, a military spokesman said. The 23-man ranger unit was in forests on Hakkoda mountain on the northern tip of the main island of Honshu, around 400 miles northeast of Tokyo, "When others went to rescue them, they fell unconscious or found it difficult to breathe. But some of the group managed to radio for help." a spokesman said. (Reuter)

Castro weeps for Che

Revolutionary hymns and military marches moved President Castro of Cuba to tears as the remains of the legendary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, right, were returned to Cuba yesterday (Gabriella Gamini writes). The remains, found recently in Bolivia by a scientific team, were flown to Santa Clara, where they will be laid to rest in a concrete mausoleum constructed in his honour after he was killed by Bolivian troops 30

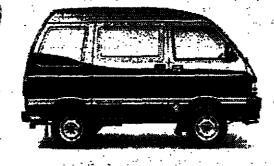


Sierra Leone clashes kill 70

Freetown: Weekend clashes between Nigerian peacekeeping troops and Sierra Leone forces of the new military junta have left about 70 dead, witnesses said. According to military sources the fighting broke out on Saturday and was continuing yesterday. It centred on four villages about 18 miles east of here. Ten Nigerian soldiers and at least 60 civilians were reportedly killed in the clashes. (AFP)

Aids victim eaten by dogs

New York: A man who died of Aids in his locked apartment in Manhattan was eaten by his own dogs, ravenous after several days without being fed (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Police broke in to find the body and the dogs, which are now





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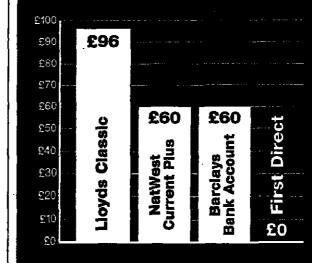
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£194m 'missing' as Arafat seeks aid from Britain

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN GAZA

NEARLY half the Palestinian budget this year — \$326 million (£194 million) — has been lost to corruption or mismanagement, according to an internal Palestinian audit. Details of the missing mil-

lions escaped the censorship imposed on the press and broadcasting outlets by Yassir Arafat as the Palestinian Authority's leader flew to meet Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, in London today to plead for more Western assistance. Britain is giving £25 million in aid this year.

The details followed reports of Mr Arafat's alleged personal slush fund in a Tel Aviv bank running to tens of millions of dollars. That was followed by an even more damning report by a watchdog group claiming that Pales-tinian officials have systematically abused their positions for personal finan-

Mr Arafat leaves behind a three-year-old self-rule au-thority riddled with corruption and brazen in its denial of that. We will both be shot," he democracy, having just indefi-

nitely postponed the first local elections for two decades. Nowhere is the manipulation of funds more blatant than in the Rimal district of Gaza where many of the top 10,000 "Tunisians" [hureaucrats and guerrillas who returned with Mr Arafat from the diaspora) flaunt their glitzy lifestyle within smelling distance of the squalid Shati refugee camp.

Most resented by ordinary Gazans. whose per capita income has fallen nearly 40 per cent since the 1993 accord with Israel, is the grotesque new E2.5 million villa of Abu Mazen. Mr Arafat's No 2. chief negotiator of the Oslo

With its profusion of balconies and balustrades, the gleaming residence has become the focus of resentment for the naked corruption of the new rulers. Graffiti declaring "this is your reward for selling Palestine" have been removed, but lear gripped my student guide when I tried to take a photograph. "Please, do not do that. We will both be shot," he

Pressure on Blair to take over peace role from America

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN will today plunge into a fresh round of Middle East peace initiatives, when Tony Blair sees Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, and Ehud Barak, the Israeli Opposition leader. separately at Downing Street. The two men will urge the

Government to give fresh impetus to the stalled peace process as Britain prepares to take over the presidency of the European Union. Officials said that the timing of the meetings was coincidental.

British officials expressed caution at the weekend over calls by Yossi Beilin. the fairs spokesman, for London to take over the role of intermediary from Washington. They said that only the United States had the necessary leverage to make its influence felt on both sides, and that Britain did not want to undercut the American role in persuading Mr Arafat and the Netanyahu Government

to resume talks. Mr Blair will urge continued restraint on Mr Arafat. to contain Palestinian frustration and anger at the impasse in the peace negotiations.

Mr Arafat will tomorrow ask Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, to increase the £25 million annual British aid to the Palestinians, one of the biggest sums from overseas donors. But she will warn him that he must do more to account for the money given for Palestinian training and development.
Officials expressed concern

at the weekend that large sums were being misappropriated and over Mr Arafat's adling of the Pa Authority's budget. There is worry about the lack of transparency, as well as suggestions that money may have been used to persuade Palestinian extremists not to unleash violence in the occupied

Mr Arafat will hold talks with Derek Fatchett. the junior Foreign Office Minister responsible for the Middle East, who last week criticised Israel's new settlement at Har Homa in east Jerusalem.

shackle car. Next door, still to be completed, is a similarly grandiose home being built for Umm Jihad, the most senior woman in the PLO, the widow of the former military chief, Abu Jihad, assassinated by the Israelis in Tunisia.

She had until recently been thought to be above the greed that has gripped most of Mr Arafat's cronies, But a wouldbe French biographer returned empty-handed after the Palestinian heroine demanded a huge cut of any royalties.

Not far from the tumbledown shacks of Shati, where the prevalent mood is one of despair mixed with seething resentment at the way in which the regime is prepared to display its unexplained wealth, is the new luxury seafront restaurant favoured by Suha Arafat and her British nanny on their trips back from shopping in Paris. It is aptly named Le Mirage.

Talk of graft, nepotism and the uncaring show of wealth by the powerful few - many patrons of the newly opened Zahra al-Madain (Flower of the Cities) beach resort and nightelub - dominates the street where the bulk of the million Gazans have become tired of waiting for the clusive peace dividend".

Increasingly, people speak-ing in private predict a new uprising similar to the 1987-93 intifada against Israel which began in Ğaza's Jebaliya refugee camp. This time, so the whispers have it, the target could be the Palestinian Authority.

☐ Hebron clash: Israeli troops wounded 16 Arabs, including five journalists, during clashes in Hebron yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes) it was announced last night that Noam Friedman, the Israeli soldier who went on a random shooting spree on New Year's Day in Hebron, has been discharged from the army and will not face trial because he was mentally ill.



Arafat: reported to have amassed slush fund



Flying debris from Royal Canberra Hospital splashes into Lake Burley Griffen as yesterday's attempted demolition mistires disastrously

Girl dies in botched Canberra demolition

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A GIRL was killed and several people were injured when thousands of spectators were showered by flying debris during a hospital demolition that went horribly wrong in Canberra.

More than 10,000 spectators had gathered to see the Royal Canberra Hospital flattened by a controlled implosion yesterday. But seconds after the blast bricks and metal flew about 500 yards across Lake Burley Griffin and into parkland where a crowd was watching. At least seven people were hurt and scores of car windows smashed. The 12-year-old girl hit by shrapnel died in hospital. A man of 19 and another of 29 were seriously hurt.

The first sign of a problem came during an earlier blast which failed to demolish the building. Members of the demolition team went inside to investigate and another explosion followed, ripping out the supports of the hospital's main tower block but sending rubble flying into the lake.

Fifteen seconds later another blast sent debris flying across the water with

even greater force, Justin Hanrahan, a. television cameraman, said: "I just turned round and this girl was lying on the floor - it was just outrageous it could have been allowed to happen."

Another witness said: "It was just like it was raining rubble." Mounds of earth that had earlier been piled round the demolition site were supposed to contain the force of the blast. A police spokesman said: "What

should have been a controlled implosion turned into a violent explosion." Last night police indicated they could laid against the demolition company Kate Carnell, Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory, which governs Canberra, said a 200-yard exclusion zone had been defined

around the building.

None of the debris was expected to fly further than 50 yards, she said.

There was no indication whatever that this was even a possibility," she

added after inspecting the area.

The hospital, which is not far from Parliament House, was being demolished to make way for a new national

Exiled Mobutu generals plot secessionist war in Katanga

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

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reported here yesterday.

The generals, who fied before Kinshasa fell to rebels in May, want to fight for the secession of the mineral-rich southern provinces.

General Baramoto, former head of the presidential guard, General Nzimbi, General Vumbo and Admiral Maywa have begun plotting their campaign against the

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of the Congo from their new homes in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg's Sunday Independent reported that the men are funding their attempt to seize Katanga and Kasai provinces, partly from the sale of 32 million rands (£4 million) of cobalt illegally shipped out before they fled.

The generals apparently met the prospective leaders of the proposed National Front for the Liberation of Katanga in Johannesburg on Friday.



Mobutu: loyalists plan

Moi is denounced at cathedral 'cleansing'

FROM REUTER IN NAIROBI

terday from the pulpit at Nairobi's All Saints Cathedral at a ceremonial "cleansing" and rededication after last week's riots. The archbishop told a packed congregation that Mr Moi had "been weighed in the halance and found wanting".

Riot police threw teargas into the cathedral and beat worshippers with batons when people fleeing a confrontation between demonstrators

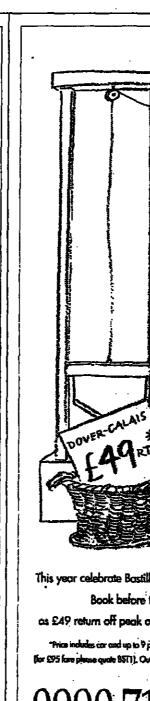
and police sought refuge there

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya last Monday. Senior police was attacked by Anglican officials later publicly Archbishop David Gitari yes-apologised for the invasion. Holding aloft one of the teargas canisters hurled then, the archbishop said that rulers must be obeyed only as long as they did not infringe the rights of their people. "Blood cannot be shed in a hely place in vain. The Government must now

> reforms." he said. Before the service he led priests sprinkling holy water at bloodstained spots in the cathedral, including where a person died.

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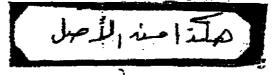
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the regular and the random. Marcus du Sautoy reports

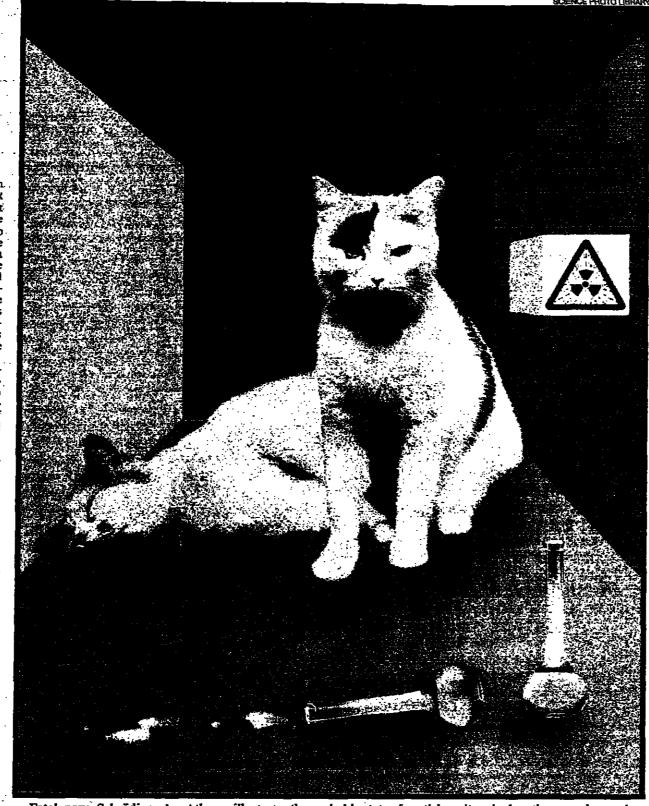
cientists will gather in Cambridge next week to contemplate what must be one of the weirdest connections found so far in science. They have unearthed patterns which promise to link three of the great themes in physics and mathematics: quantum me-chanics (the physics of the small-scale universe), chaos (the mathematics of unpredictability) and prime numbers (numbers that are divisible only by one and themselves).

The scientists will be converging on the Newton Instinute in Cambridge to try to crack this riddle — appropriate, since Newton's laws of motion give us both chaos and quantum physics.

Newton believed his laws would leave no surprises for history, as long as the initial state of each atom was known. But he could not predict everything. The first shock came in the early Twenties. Scientists found Newton's laws were very successful at describing the motion of large objects such as planets, but not small objects such as electrons. Physicists realised the laws were only an approximation to the real physics: quantum mechanics. This physics, of the very small, says that instead of treating the electron as a small billiard ball, we should think , of it as a wave. In quantum physics we are not meant to be sure quite where the electron is: a wave gives us only a probability that the electron is in one place or another. The only way to turn the probability into a certainty is to look for the electron. Once we make

the observation, the die is cast. Perhaps the most bizarre manifestation of quantum mechanics is Schrödinger's cat, a thought experiment. Imagine a cat being placed in a box. Inside the box there is a radioactive source with a 50-50 chance of decaying. If it does, and the cat dies. However, not until someone looks, quantum physicists say does the radioactive source have to "decide" whether it has decayed or not. So the act of looking seals the

cat's fate. However, our world is dictated by large-scale laws and the unpredictability of the very small gets smoothed out. But even at this scale, there are some surprises. Laws such as Newton's may be simple, but they can still produce results The classic example is the



Fatal move: Schrödinger's cat theory illustrates the probable state of particles, altered when they are observed

Mandelbrot set, the Paisley design adopted by Eighties' rave culture. The fantastically complicated image is actually generated by a very simple the motion of billiard balls. which sometimes map out a regular path - though, as players know, the path of a billiard ball seems chaotic.

The connection between prime numbers, chaos and quantum mechanics emerged from trying-to discover what happens when two of these worlds - chaos and quantum mechanics - collide. The borderland between them is the realm of quantum chaos -still an enigma.

Quantum chaos affects things such as electrons,

which are large enough to participate in the large-scale Newtonian universe but small enough to gatecrash the smallscale quantum universe, too. either as one of Newton's billiard balls - following a regular or chaotic path - or a quantum wave.

The central question is. does this quantum wave change depending on whether the electron's billiard ball path is regular or chaotic? The answer is yes, but it runs counter to intuition

If the billiard ball follows a regular path, then the quanturn wave looks like the curve you would get by plotting the heights of a random group of people. There are no disallowed heights. Yet, if the path is chaotic, this randomness disappears. In the curve of appear. It is as if people have been chosen because their heights are widely spaced.

In terms of the small-scale universe, contrary to expectation, a pattern suddenly appears when the electron is behaving chaotically. Explaining this phenomenon will be one of the key tasks for the scientists arriving next week.

But there is an extra twist to the 'Newton story. Joining the Cambridge effort believed are mathematicians who have been chasing pathis laws terns in the prime numbers. These inwould divisible numbers are the atoms of arleave no ithmetic and the building blocks of surprises' numbers. Mathematicians

love to look for patterns and the primes probably offer the ultimate challenge. When you read a list of prime numbers they look a mess, with no rhythm to the way they are distributed.

The involvement of these mathematicians began with a chance meeting in the common room at Princeton University between Professor Freeman Dyson, a quantum physicist, and Professor Hugh Montgomery, a mathematician. Professor Montgomery showed Professor Dyson some of the patterns he had observed among the prime numbers. Professor Dyson had observed identical patterns in the physics of quantum chaos in the curve of people's heights, with those inexplicable gaps.

Andrew Odlyzko at AT&T Laboratories, overwhelmingly supports the similarity between these patterns. Such connections drive scientists crazy with excitement especially when there is no reason to suspect a connection. Speculation is snowballing that there may be some quantum phenomenon that

> key to the pattern. or music, of the Sir Michael Berry, from Bristol University, has recorded the music. or rhythm, of the

somehow holds the

first 40,000 prime numbers. He says: "If these patterns are confirmed we can say about it what George Bernard Shaw said about Wagner: This music is better than it sounds'."

The connections, though observed, have yet to be proved definitively. But they have been a powerful tool. Mathematicians and physicists have been pooling their knowledge to uncover more information about both primes and quantum chaos, it would be a very strange thing indeed if prime numbers eventually resulted from crossing Man-

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The method has the potential to trace the history of ancient gold artefacts, and identify the trading routes by which the gold reached its destination.

The inspiration for develop-ing this technique was theft. Every year, South African goldmines lose an unknown amount of gold, spirited out in tiny quantities by the thousands

of men who work down the mines. The police recover about a ton a year — but this is probably only a small fraction of what goes missing. Even so, the mining companies found it frustrating that they could not authenticate the ownership of even the small amounts of gold that were recovered, which then became state property.

The research laboratories of Anglo-American (AARL), whose mines produce 40 per cent of South African gold, set out to produce a method of "fingerprinting" gold, using mass spectroscopy. "We knew our mines were losing gold, but

we couldn't prove it." says Jim Timulty, managing director of the laboratories. "The high sensitivity of mass spectroscopy was the A laser vaporises a tiny speck of gold, too small to be detected by the naked eye. It is

carried by a stream of argon gas into the mass spectrometer, which separates the sample into a mixture of atoms of the different elements present. The bulk, clearly, is gold; but traces of 131 different isotopes of 58 elements can also be

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Stolen gold leaves its fingerprints spectrum. The AARL team

found that these spectra could be matched exactly to the mine from which the gold came, and even to the individual shaft within that mine. The method has many notential applications. Mr Tumilty explains. "If you find grains of

SCIENCE alluvial gold in a stream, the assumption is that they all come **BRIEFING** from the same source. Then, if you find that source and it isn't worth exploiting, you give up. Nigel But our method might show Hawkes that there was more than one source, so that it would be worthwhile to look harder."

The archaeological implications go even wider. Already work has begun in South Africa on gold artefacts from sites dated to the period AD 1000-1300, and the next project will be to examine gold in the National Museum in Cape Town that came from Cecil Rhodes's collection. Some of these fragments originated at Great Zimbabwe, the precolonial city that gave its name to the country once named after Rhodes. The results are likely to show that there were complex patterns of trading in Africa long before the white man arrived.

💙 ome early African gold may have found its way to Europe. Once the characteristic signatures of old gold sources have been identified, it should be possible to trace the origins of, say, Edward IV gold coins, the mask of Tutankhamun. or 'King Priam's gold", discovered by Heinrich Schliemann in his search for Troy.
It seems possible that the method may yet

reveal that some of the priceless objects on display in the world's top museums are, in

Why children make the best linguists

vealed why it is harder for an adult to learn a second language than it is for a child. Researchers in New York have shown that if the second language is learnt at the same time as the first one, it is stored in the

same region of the brain, in the part of the frontal lobe known as Broca's area. If the second language is learnt later, it is still stored in Broca's area, but separated slightly from the first language. It is as if learning the first language has set the

circuits in Broca's area, and so the second language must be accommodated elsewhere. published in Nature, used magnetic resonance imaging to establish the precise regions of the brain used by bilingual people. In those who learnt both languages as children, the two appear to lie almost on top

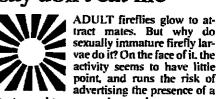
learnt the second as adults have the two languages lying alongside each other. the age of language acquisition may be a significant factor in determining how this part of the brain is organised. Infants start by being equally able to recognise all relevant sounds, but as they learn their native tongue the way it is represented in Broca's area

The research, carried out by a team led by

of one another in the brain, while those who

The findings suggest, the authors say, that

Flashing lights that say don't eat me



tasty meal to any passing predator. Now a team led by the entomologist Dr Douglas Tallamy, of the University of Delaware, has found that the flashing light is probably a warning signal. The message it sends is designed to discourage predators by reminding them that the last time they tasted

a firefly larva it tasted awful. Dr Tallamy and his colleagues tried to encourage mice to eat firefly larvae. They tain bitter compounds. So he set up an experiment, reported in the Journal of Insect Behaviour, in which mice were tempted to eat pieces of cereal placed at either end of a maze. One piece was made bitter with quinine sulphate and mustard powder, and brightly illuminated. The other was much

pleasanter to eat, but was in the dark. At first the mice went for the brightly lit food, but soon learnt. This suggests that the larvae's glow would be enough to plert a predator and warn it off. "A flashing neon sign may lure hungry humans to an all-night diner." he says. "But the bioluminescence of firefly larvae sends a very different message to would-be predators."

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Males are fighting back with a new bestseller, says Giles Whittell

six foot three and enjoys ripping plaster off old tenement tenement buildings in downtown LA. It's brutal, manly work. It tones his pees and earns wolf whistles, but for a big man with a young family it doesn't always pay the bills.

wrote a proposal for a book about manliness and sent it in a cigar box, with a bottle of tequila, to a publisher he knew. The publisher called back the same day to make a deal. Earlier this year the Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness hit bookstores across America and within two weeks its initial print run of 50,000 heavy hardback copies had practically sold out.

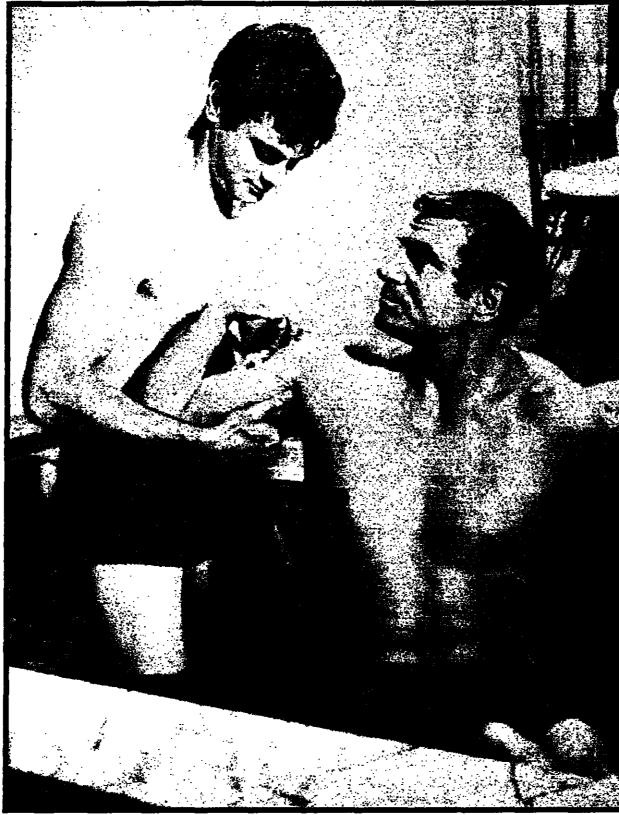
The book has lots of useful advice on tying "woolly bug-ger" fishing flies, cooking vats of "colon-cleaner chilli" and finding your way from Las Vegas to the nearest legal brothel. The von Hoffmans' idea of a real man (Todd and his brother Brant ended up as co-authors) loves golf, plays cards and talks long into the night about epic action movies. He is also much more likely to be a doting father

rhan a faithful husband. He is, in short, not unlike Bill Clinton.

Can this be so? The draftdodging President with the allegedly roving eye as an incarnation of manliness? Yet when the Supreme Court ruled that Paula Jones could sue him for allegedly exposing himself to her in a hotel room showed his job approval rating rise. Another poll on the eve of Father's Day showed that 81 per cent of Americans applaud him as a father.

Real men, it seems, can get away with fooling around as long as they re good dads. The von Hoffmans are adamant about this. Irresponsible parents are beneath contempt and invite the revocation of their procreative parts, they

Like much American talk radio, the Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness is riding a backlash against the bendover-backwards language of political correctness that calls a manhole a personhole and seems to blame society for every individual's faults. The book also taps into the last great American neurosis that of the bewildered redneck,



Tony Curtis and Laurence Olivier in the Hollywood epic Spartacus, "the manliest film of all time"

a creature left feeling rudderless and underappreciated by the din of women's rights and ethnic empowerment.

The fightback began a while Ever since Bruce Fierstein's huge success with Real Men Don't Eat Quiche in 1982, American males have hungered for advice on how to act their gender. In the Nineties that hunger has been acute. Iron John. Robert Bly's

paean to man-to-man huggery, was seen as an emergen-cy rescue manual for fully half the nation. Then the militant Muslim Louis Farrakhan persuaded enough black men to fill the Washington Mall that by celebrating their maleness as well as their colour they

Heston. This mini-memoir is interspersed with the great actor's grumblings on would become better people. A present state of things. His chief Christian group called the Promise Keepers has meangripe is that minorwhile been filling stadiums ities of all stripes have created "far

too many groups in America, each shouldering the others screaming for special attention, separate identity, to rate diseases moved up in the chain for special

funding". Mr Heston may be right. The irony is that his book goes one more step towards defining men as yet another flailing social group in need of help — which is where the von Hoffman brothers come in. Unlike other selfappointed masculinity gurus, their thrust is practical. Their concern is for the outer, not the inner man. Maleness is more fun than ever, their dust jacket

with the only family leaders they claim can heal the coun-

is To Be A Man, by Charlton

try's social ills - men. Finally, on sale alongside the von Hoffmans' book, there

proclaims. The result is a book that makes being a man sound very like being an obnoxious kid. It's all about jack knives. spud guns, salt steak, sour mash bourbon and the fine art of yanking down other people's trousers. It's about trailing a chest of cool Bud as you float down the upper Missouri in an inner tube, knocking back bullshots made with bouillon cubes and vodka.

Real men should know what Humphrey Bogart called his yawl - Santana. They should be aware of at least 126 synonyms for breasts, and twice as many for their own

nd so to sex, which men must have one way or another. Interestingly, homophobia is banned from the Big Damn Book's gleeful celebra-tion of arrested development. in one passage, its authors tackle a famous homoerotic seduction scene that appeared only in the director's cut of Spartacus, "the manliest film of all time". For Topy Curtis and Laurence Olivier to agree to film it "took incredible brass back in 1960", they write.

But is real homosexuality manly? Todd von Hoffman dodges the question by paraphrasing John Wayne, who apparently felt that "you and I and the government should stay the hell out of people's pants unless we're invited". Women hardly feature in this vision of manliness, except as the respected bearers of children: "As far as the [baby] manufacturing process goes,

the von Hoffmans write,

while we are in awe of

women for possessing this

greatest of gifts, we're also

happy as hell with our end of

it." The chief duty of a wife is not to object when her hus-

band goes on fishing trips.

Brother Todd admits sheepishly - to being married and monogamous. He even owns up to an unmanly past career as a talent agent, but then returns gruffly to the

more virile subject of coitus. Real men Women should feel free to use prostitutes, he insists. The book hardly recommends the legal ones at the feature Čhicken Ranch, 60 miles west of Las except as Vegas. where monthly blood the bearers

of children Wistfully, the Big Damn Book recalls the era of the actress Vera Miles, when, as she put it, "men were men and

women were grateful". Those were the days when a politician's dalliances could be kent discreetly from the public eye. but they are gone. Clinton may not know it, but the von Hoffmans do. When they turned a recent book-signing into a "guyathlon" complete with a bra-unclipping contest. they used mannequins.

'Don't get even – get everything'

Brian Vine reports on the divorce suit that tops them all

I DON'T have \$100 million (£60 million), not even half that," says Gary Wendt, the much vilified titan of American finance who is the target of his scomed wife of 31 rears. Lorna, in a landmark divorce trial.

She couldn't stand me replacing her with a woman ien years her senior." he adds, only partly joking. Certainly, Lorna Wendt appears to have adopted as

her personal motto the advice of the abandoned pouses in the hit movie The First Wives' Club: "Don't get even, get everything."

A notoriously tough breed, even the ladies who lunch blanched when they heard Lorna had turned down her husband's final divorce settlement offer of E8.5 million (\$14 million). Lorna wanted to make hist-

ory, and repair her dignity and self-esteem, with a deal that no divorce lawyer in the US or the US or Europe has contemplated. She wants a judge to award

her not only the too much millions Gary for my wife' also her lawyer's estimate of 50 per cent of his

'I think

being left

Gary, 54, sighs deeply. Normally an ebuilient, decisive workaholic, he admits to feeling confused, frustrated and astonished by her 'into the future" claim. As chief executive of G E

Capital, the financial services arm of the aero engines-to-toasters giant General Electric, he is used to getting his own way. So he is obviously not a

man from whom you expect to hear loose talk. But, he explains, "my shrewd and clever wife" has prompted him to break cover and speak candidly for the first

What he has to say is quite a mouthful in countering her campaign to paint herself as the perfect "corporate wife" and partner in his

Fashions in matrimonial law such as palimony, which began in the US, often make their way across the Atlantic. Wendt is conscious that if, next month, his wife is handed half his future earnings by the divorce judge in the State Superior Court at Stamford, Connecticut, the "unseemly circus" that the case has made of their conservative, grev-flannel-suited lives might spread to disenchant-

ed British wives. Muzzled in court by a mutual legal agreement. now expired, that neither spouse should apportion

blame for the breakdown of

the marriage after three decades and two daughters, Gary now tells of his dreadful unhappiness" at

To the judge and the fascinated American public Mrs Wendt was portrayed as the devoted corporate wife and hostess, a counterpoint to his social ineptness; a partner who soothed, nurtured and kept him in a mental condition to handle his rocketing career.

In a voice temporarily bereft of anger, Gary Wendt remembers things different-"The whole thing's a fabrication," he contends. "If anything, she was a reluctant corporate wife, re-fused to have parties at home, except the Christmas party which was organised by the company. She active-

ss time at work. The only events ed in were the fancy trips, for an older soothing and woman was nurturing me, she and I had to go to marriage times in the past ten years. None

of them could do future riches. Her goal is a anything to repair things total of £30 million.

Gary, 54, sighs deeply.

anything to repair things between us. The last psychologist I consulted told me that my unhappy state was directly caused by my

> When I made my final. \$14 million settlement offer, I discovered that my deposition, which I believed was confidential, had been sent to a national newspaper. As a result, I withdrew my enhanced offer.

THE IRONY is that I allowed her free access to all my bank accounts and credit cards until after the trial and from bank statements I can see I have paid 500,000 dollars (£300,000) for her

divorce lawyers." Sombrely, he expresses his belief that "her divorce is not about a legal principle. it's about revenge". Gary's svelte companion, Rosemarie Adams, is a divorced grandmother of 64 who looks 20 years younger. "I have found true happiness with Rosemarie, but I think being left for an older woman was too much for

my wife to take." Lorna has now become a new heroine to feminists for her determination to stand up to an alleged chauvinist. But her husband remains doubtful of her new status. This isn't an unfair divorce. She gave the impression in court that she was after the rights of women everywhere. Perhaps she does now have a career -

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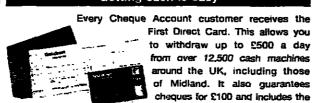
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Pictures, parties and the 'it' people

These days, art galleries are the only places to be seen for the incrowd, says Grace Bradberry

London edition, featuring a rogue's gallery of "it" people - Iris Palmer, Damien Hirst, Jarvis Cocker, Pafsy and Liam, and the outsize model Sophie Dahl, surrounded by the lads from Loaded. One imagines these "it" people crashing round London from one champagne-fuelled soirée to another. What a sad disappointment, then, is what passes for mainstream café society. Le tout monde may turn up for restaurant openings, first nights and fashion parties, but sometimes one cannot stifle the suspicion that le monde that matters is elsewhere. But doing what and where?

Buying a painting, apparently. Or if not actually parting with the cash, pretending they might, while getting to know the artist and securing invites to the next

bash. The buzz for such events is "multimedia". When this phrase we imagine an ordeal by CD-Rom. but for people in fashion, multimedia means a really great guest list, an opportunity to schmooze not only with fashion folk, but with arrists, pop stars and The seal of Kestrel with his

approval for any

media bash is the arrival of Damien Hirst. Not since Francis Bacon hung out in the Colony Rooms has an artist exerted such a strong influence over the social aspirations of the metropolitan "in crowd". Together with Marco Pierre White he established Quo Vadis, the Soho bar that features his art, and he has made snooker fashionable. taking over the table at the Groucho Club for games with Alex James, bassist of Blur, and the actor Keith Allen. The activities of his circle have resulted in a down-glamming of the party circuit — bottles of beer are in, fluted glasses out. icans and trainers are the dress code for men, haute baglady the look for women.

There has been no better recent example of this fringe scene than a party held in not-quite-fashionable NW5. A new restaurant called The Vine, all floorboards and sagging sofas, was the venue for an exhibition featuring art donated by models, with proceeds going to the Iris Foundation, a charity that carries out research into

childhood blindness. Helena Christensen was in the garden; Sophie Dahl was seated on one of those trestle tables with benches usually found outside pubs. Damien Hirst, Jay from Jamiroquai and the male model known as Kestrel mingled, while Jade Jagger. full-time artist and Pretty Polly model, led a gypsycaravan comprised of her bohemian-looking nanny and children. Patsy and Liam had

sent their regards. Much air-kissing and mutu-

ares

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few months ago al admiration took place, and Vanity Fair comter of Sir Mark Palmer, was given a stream of reassurances and Frank Whitford - the uncharitable critic of The Sunday Times who had previewed them a couple of days before an ass. Helena Christensen dispensed the most effective reassurances of all, buying the very picture that had been criticised. "It just goes to show that Helena has got far better taste than Frank Whitford." quipped Iris, though she was careful not to be photographed

beneath the offending picture. Sophie Dahl, resplendent in a sort of blue nightie from Steinberg and Tolkein, was similarly apologetic about her poem, a piece of charming juvenilia written a few years previously. "They asked me for my favourite," she said. More confident was Gordon, a male model known as

the face of Katharine Hamnett who has been involved in modern called The Formaldehyde Connection, priced at £5,000, and consisting of a silkscreened portrait of his friend Damien Hirst, set in glass-covered box that hung from the ceiling at

the box were two work, Green Man glass eyes, and by tilting the piece you could manoeuvre the eyes

into the sockets. The evening was largely the product of the address books of Kelly Luchford - PR. sister of the fashion photographer Glen Luchford, and friend of Damien Hirst - her assistant, Müly Sanders, and Ramona Rainey, niece of Lady Amanda Harlech, and a researcher for Chanel. Ramona says: "I invited artists, and then music people like Jamiroquai they're artists in a sense, aren't they? Artists and musicians tend to hang out together and they feel much more comfor able when they do."

The "scene" echoes that of her parents' generation in the 1960s. "Iris Palmer's father is a great friend of my mother's. They all hung out at parties together. I don't think Iris really sees herself as a model."

ot all the traffic is one way. Hirst is said to have attended a recent Gucci party and when Kelly Luchford wanted to contact him a few months ago, she found herself calling Milan. "He was over there at a Prada fashion show - he'd designed a handbag for them - and with him was Jarvis Cocker." Last month Minocia Prada a great friend of Hirst's boosted his market rating by purchasing a blob of yellow household gloss paint on canvas for £6,000.

Who you know has always been important in the art world, but rarely has socialising for socialising's





Helena Christensen. left, in front of some of her own work, offered the most effective reassurance to the critic-savaged Iris Palmer, right, by buying one of her paintings

O'Connor, a 26-year-old artist in London is an invitation to whose paintings, based on fashion and paparazzi photographs, are currently on show at the Paton Gallery in Hackney, moves on the fringes of London's bohemian arts world: "There's a whole Friday-night Soho drinking scene, and then there are openings at places such as the Saatchi Gallery that you really have to go to. But the scene college with Darren Almond." goes wider than that. The other week a studio in Peckham had a party and

nothing else to do." Is there any point to it all? There's no buying involved, but this kind of thing tags a useful label onto the work, which can bring it up a bit."

Jarvis Cocker turned up, then

lots of fashion people with

That is a view echoed by others in the art world, where Hirst's sociability is seen as having more influence on the cocktail circuit than the marsake been so prevalent. Pat ket. One of the hottest tickets

an opening at White Cube, the gallery run by Jay Jopling. Hirst's agent. The co-director. Julia Royce, acknowledges that "we've created a high profile which crosses over into the worlds of fashion and music - but that has no bearing on the market. Stella Tennant has dropped in, but that's because she was at

Though the majority of these events are strictly by invitation, signs of the modishness of art can be seen elsewhere. The window of the Hugo Boss store in Regent Street recently featured an installation by the singer-turned-artist Laurie Anderson, best known for her 1980s chart hit O Superman, and for relationship with Lou Reed. Zero the Counter featured male mannequins reading German and Japanese newspapers. Other stores featuring art include Egg in Knightsbridge, Browns Focus, Squire and Jigsaw. There are even hairdressing salons that double as galleries, notably Parsons Skott in Notting Hill. which used to show work by Jade Jagger, and which is currently hung with the paintings of Jenny Canaga, partner of the comedian Greg Proops. The last exhibition featured abstract work by Kiminori Mizobe, a former Japanese fighter pilot.

The prototype for all this activity is surely Patisserie Valerie on Brompton Road, established as an arts café back in 1992. The current exhibition features work by Sandra Blow, a Royal Academician. and prices go up to £19,000. Noël Oddy is exhibitions curator for the Patisserie Valerie group and the owner of Highgate Fine Art. He is rather dismissive of the current vogue for hanging art in every possible venue "Lots of people who have retail premises think it's a piece of cake to hang pictures on your wall.





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There do I stand with Norman Mailer after the damaging and lurid con-fessions of his wife? Do I still rate him or must I learn to hate him? I have been a devoted reader - by no means always praising, but always on his side, defensive when I thought him poor or wrong and not only delighted but somehow vindicated when I thought him to be good and right. Many great writers produce bad books but only their good books count, and like one of his early heroes, D.H. Lawrence, Mailer has written good books.

But these confessions do raise a question. It is complicated a little by the fact that I have an acquaintanceship with Mailer and know him to be courteous, generous and one of the greatest talkers. He has also been appreciative of my work; all students of human nature know that that softens any reaction.

But the confessions of his second wife were a jolt. Let us for this piece allow that they were largely true by her lights. Mailer, doubt-

Must we learn to hate Norman Mailer?

less, has his counter-argument and the safest bet in any bust-up is evens - 50-50. I had read that he had stabbed an earlier wife with a penknife but somehow it seemed trivial. But this description of the goring, the haemorrhaging, the near death, the 15 years merited in the slammer was of an entirely different order. And did he kick her when she was wounded and down and punch her in the pregnant stomach?

There are several points here. each one of which could be a book. One is: what do you expect of men who write books some of which wildly and violently seem to seek the nerve and tension of the times? And should an artist's work not always be judged apart from the life? Thirdly, what is the responsibility of each in that intense private relationship between reader and

Mailer has the highest ambi-tions as a writer and also as a thinker. He wants to change the consciousness of his times. To do this he decided to live out the extremes of the times in which he found himself and even if possible go beyond the extremes and dive into what it seemed could not be known. In his book The Executioner's Song, for instance, he works, as in other books, on his belief in reincarnation. In his many descriptions of violence (whether military, his own, on the battlefield or social, in bars and on the streets of New York, or marital, or in the ring) he found truths unadmitted in the organism which is our society. A society which was thought to be rotting because it would not face its devils, would not grapple with them and so could not gain true wisdom. What, then, could be expected in terms of



whose mission has been to burrow into the unknown with the help of drugs, alcohol, sex, licentious and unthinkable thoughts?

There is the more general ques-

most neatly and truly put by Lawrence: never trust the teller. trust the tale. For many people that says it all and there is no further argument. Yet can we wriggle away quite so easily? It is easier or is it? - when the tellers are dead. How on earth can our appreciation of the serene flow of lines and colours in Matisse be diminished by our knowledge that he happily endorsed Fascism?

His work is not available to the brilliant cathartic destruction which Orwell handed out to the paintings of another Pascist, Salvador Dali. But does Matisse tremble when you have that knowledge? Do you think less of Peter Grimes when you know what we do know about the often vicious sexual exploitation of young child-ren by Benjamin Britten? Even Chekhov, saintly as he was, gentle as he was, is lately revealed as more than a bit of a sod. Yet on next seeing The Cherry Orchard or The Seagull will it lessen your pleasure or appreciation?

The list of flawed, damaged and nasty artists is very long. It is long even if it does not include those who are simply being part of their times in being pre-feminist or "unaware" of rac-ism. The lists of artists as saints is probably rather shorter than that of artists as sinners. Which brings us back to Norman Mailer. One difference with him is that he is very much alive and writing and cannot have his blemishes washed away by time — one of the privileges of the dead.

In terms of my own relationship

with him, the answer to the acquaintanceship is simple speak as you find. I trust it will continue

confessions should mar it As reader to writer it is undoubtedly more difficult when you are dealing with a living writer. When I was younger I knew several other sound literary people who dis-missed Evelyn Waugh's writing he shape

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because of his public utterances. With Mailer, when I recently reread his quite marvellous extended essays on boxing would I have reacted differently had I been able to call on the punch and the pregnant stomach? When I am taken up with his underrated study of Picasso am I to mark it down because some of its fierce insights come from parallel behaviour from Mailer himself?

I think not. Although there is a longer argument here, the work must stand aside from the life. It can be mixed up with it for the enjoyment of biography, but in the end it is something else. It belongs to a different category. The work is not the property of the life but finally a gift to our common imagination.

The man who hunts dinosaurs

ong a mainstay of British theatre and cinema, Pete Postlethwaite can trace his international prominence to the 1994 Academy Awards. Nominated for his performance as Daniel Day-Lewis's father in In the Name of the Father, Postlethwaite found his own film ignored by voters in a Schindler's List sweep that - three years later makes the actor smile. In the intervening period, that film's director, Steven Spielberg, has become a major employer, and

"It was certainly Steven's bar mitzvah that night." Postlethwaite says over beers at a London hotel, reflecting on his first experience of the man he now refers to as "my mate". This week, Postlethwaite opens in Britain as Roland Tembo, the English "philosopher-hunter" who survives a baby T-rex (among other creatures) in The Lost World. Spielberg's recordcrunching sequel to Jurassic Park. Later this year he appears in a second Spielberg film, Amistad, a courtroom drama based on an actual mutiny that took place aboard a Spanish slave ship on her way from Africa via Havana

to America in 1839. Postlethwaite has nothing but praise for Spielberg as a film-maker and as a person. "I love him as a bloke, and I love his thrill for the art; he's such an un-prima donna man. The man is such a myth, I suppose, but he ain t he still likes his pretzels with mustard."

While one might not think an effects-heavy film would demand much in the way of real acting, Postlethwaite calls

The Lost World "much more broadcast in April for the

Pete Postlethwaite has a nice career

going, thanks in part to Steven Spielberg. Matt Wolf reports

character-driven" than Alien 3 or Dragonheart, in both of which he played a supporting role. This is very much a story about people, I think. There's an ambivalence to this man because he is a hunter. but there's a purity about him as well; eventually, he wakes

Postlethwaite is among those actors who seems **6** I love never to stop working, and he him as a acknowledges that "it has taken bloke and me a long time to realise I could ac-I love his tually slow down". For a thrill for while, his speciality was conmen, the art 9 notably on TV with Paul Scofield

in Martin Chuzzlewitt. And he has played a series of memorable fathers. from the rancorous patriarch in Terence Davies's Distant Voices, Still Lives through to Giuseppe Conlon in In the Name of the Father and, just this year, the ailing, compassionate conductor of the Grimley Colliery Band - one of his most affecting perfor-

mances — in Brassed Off. "Sometimes, I do feel like the centipede who has been asked which leg it starts off with," the Lancashire-horn actor says of the volume of work he accepts, from The Last of the Mohicans to a Stephen

recent Cannes Festival. "it's a very rich tragicomedy of man-ners, beautifully costumed," says the actor, though he admits that he is not always the best judge of how his films Labour Party. "And I've made mistakes because of that. I

don't think I could quite hold

my hand on my heart and 100

per cent endorse every film I've ever done. There's a small

area that didn't outte fulfil

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What Postlethwaite won't do

is make assump-

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er is best. "It's the

pleasantness of

my position at the

moment: I find

myself defending

blockbusters at Sundance," he

says, referring to

Robert Redford's

festival of inde-

pendent cinema

American premiere.

You're talking to someone who, when he first saw Distant Voices, Still Lives, ran from the cinema thinking. we're going to get slammed. The next thing I know I'm getting postcards from all over the world from Terence Davies saying we've just won this or that award."

In October Postlethwaite returns to his stage roots playing Macbeth at the Bristol Old Vic. where repertory stints nearly two decades ago included a production of Troilus and Cressida (playing Ulysses) in which his understudy was one Daniel Day-Lewis. "I want to do a production which gets 15year-olds going out of the theatre the way they came out of Romeo and Juliet Baz Luhrmann's film, in which he played Friar Laurence] thinking. Shakespeare's not half

in Utah where Brassed Off had a rapturously received And though many actors regard the film and theatre "People say, 'you've done Lost World; how dare you?" worlds as different species, Postlethwaite does not, and won't be lost to either. "The and I say, 'Listen, hang on. world of international film-You can have a really, really bad short or small film in the amorphous and as sort of same way you can have a very good blockbuster'. I'm very hands-on and messy as run-Catholic about that. It's who's ning a theatre company. When you work at the Royal Shakedoing it and why they re doing speare Company, you learn it that's important - what the film or play is saying."
Postlethwaite has yet that productions come and productions go. In a way, it's like the whole world is a big another film awaiting release, repertory company, but what The Serpent's Kiss, a period

> good work." ● The Lost World: Jurassic Park opens on Friday

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Pete Postlethwaite as Roland Tembo, the English "philosopher-hunter" in the Jurassic Park sequel, The Lost World

Knocking them dead in the pews

This year's City of London Festival closed in style, with a performance of one of the greatest sacred works, given in the grandest of venues. And the performers were no less than Les Arts Florissants, under William Christie, who in

piece shot in Ireland with

Greta Scacchi and Ewan

McGregor, which got a muted

reception in competition at the

Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers of the Blessed Virgin avoided all the pitfalls of "period" musicmaking in St Paul's Cathedral that had marred Biber's Great Salzburg Mass a week earlier. For one thing, Christie re-

sisted the temptations of ex-

perimenting with the

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cavernous acoustics. He allowed just a single, out-ofsight tenor to provide some beautifully judged echo effects, and kept the rest of his forces concentrated together. Conducting from the keyboard with lightness and precision. he evoked the grandeur of the music, but also a serenity appropriate to this devotional work which is sometimes missed.

St Paul's, packed for the occasion with more than 2,000 people, may not have been the ideal venue for this collection of pieces designated on their title-page "for use in princely rooms and chapels", but tex-tures were so well balanced that the music came across with unexpected clarity.

The edition used was Les Arts Florissants's own, reconstructed from the original part-books, with familiar Baroque instruments from recorders to theorbos used, often very strikingly: the accompa-niment to Laetatus sum, for example, made a feature of trombones against a plucked background.

The fluidity of this performance underlined the miraculous way Monteverdi fused old and new styles of music — the prima prattica and secondo prattica — into one rich fresco. Consistently good playing and choral sing-ing made for few obvious highlights, but outstanding moments included the gracefully caressed lines in Nigra sum sung by an anonymous tenor (once again, the pro-gramme was inadequate in this regard).

Also unnamed but definitely not unnoticed were the fine soprano and alto soloists who found the wit in Monteverdi's setting of Pulchra es. The final Magnificat unfolded impressively, bringing to a climax what must be, along with his King Arthur for Covent Garden, one of the finest things Christie has done in

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New tunes fall

The shape of things to come

Debra Craine sees the opening night of the Kirov Ballet's Swan Lake at the London Coliseum

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fter all the fun-filled dancing fireworks of Don Quixote earlier in the week, it was time for the Kirov Ballet to get serious on Friday night. The Russians take their classicism very seriously indeed, which is why their Swan Lake is such a marvel of precision engineering for the corps de ballet. And Swan Lake is nothing without its corps de ballet. They are the heart and soul of Petipa and Ivanov's creation.

The Kirov, more than almost any other company in the world, is rigorous in maintaining the stylistic uniformity of its ensemble. Every member of the corps dances like every other member of the corps, their upper bodies colouring the

The Kirov is rigorous in maintaining its stylistic uniformity

choreography in exactly the same way. They can do this because every one of them has been trained at the legendary Vaganova school.

The St Petersburg company is also militaristic in its discipline no army drill was ever more efficiently executed than the intricate formations of these swans. But it isn't just the thrill of dozens of bodies moving so immaculately together that makes watching the Kirov's lakeside scenes one of ballet's most glorious experiences. It is the power of the ensemble's harmony and grace -amplified into almost hallucinatory perfection. Here is what 19th-century lassical ballet was all about.

The Kirov is also where the tradition of ballerina as reigning monarch is vigorously upheld. On Friday night Swan Lake starred



Trapped in a supernatural web: Uliana Lopatkina (Odette) entices Igor Zelensky (Siegfried) in the Kirov's powerful staging of Swan Lake

Uliana Lopatkina, one of the crop of young ballerinas who are changing the future shape of the Kirov literally. Tall and stick thin, Lopatkina looks as if she has been subjected to a session on the medieval torture rack, so long and distended are her limbs. Her technique is equally overstretched, even bendy, and she appears to move without benefit of bone or joint. Yet she is an awesome dancer, at once soft and strong, a fascinating study in physical contradictions who cannot help but redefine the nature of

fairytale, a place where frightening mythological creatures can beguile noble princes. whatever character she portrays. , She also seems to dance Swan

Lake as if she is having an out-ofbody experience. The body is most emphatically there, but the human spirit is hovering somewhere on the sidelines. The effect of this eerie perspective, coupled with the singularity of her physique, is to preclude the possibility that Odette was ever a real woman. Lopatkina's Odette is so clearly supernatural that the only world she could inhabit is that of the

Her initial pas de deux with Igor Zelensky's Siegfried was delicately fragile. Lopatkina's Odette looked so brittle and vulnerable, as if terrified that he really would snap her Swan Queen's wings. But in the ballroom scene those same improbable limbs conjured up the fierce, intimidating and invincible vision of Odile as a strange and glittering bird of prey.

Zelensky's Siegfried didn't quite fizz the way his Basil did on the first night of Don Quixote, but the size of his dancing was no less impressive on Friday night. He gave us a slightly bashful Siegfried, not one prone to profound spiritual quests, but someone fully caught up in the mysterious net that was being woven

Vyacheslav Samodurov's flawless performance as the Jester marked him out as someone to watch — the Kirov needs good young men like him. Boris Gruzin conducted the Orchestra of the Maryinsky Theatre. who together really went for the big effect in the grand finale.

The entries in the debit column were few: lighting was anaemic; the costumes looked the worse for wear, and those noisy Russian pointe shoes pounded the stage like Doc Martens when the only thing we should have been hearing in those effulgent white acts was the sound of Tchaikovsky.

Their live performance reinforces this impression. To watch Del Amitri is to be dragged back to the past, to a world where all singers have long sideburns and wear leather trousers, where all guitarists are clad in beige three-piece suits and arch

features a window and faded pearance on stage.

on deaf ears

undertaker at a christening. The attention span of some of the loyalists who took the last World Party album Bang! to No 2 seems to have failed

nightmare scenario after his recently released fourth album

Egyptology was greeted like an

World Party and nobody came? One-man-

band Karl Wallinger might have pondered the

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Unbowed, Wallinger has assembled a touring version of the studio project and attendance was healthy at their London stop. But from the contrasting reactions between new songs and old favourites. it soon seemed that many of those present had come for the greatest hits. As the band opened with the fresh It Is Time and Beautiful Dream, one sensed the crowd willing them towards a tune they

Wallinger, without his usual goatee and ponytail, soon led the fickle faithful where they wanted to go with Is It Like Today. But the four-year gap between albums, much of it spent in his own studio kingdom, has left him shy of the light, not yet comfortable again in the main beam of attention, and the deadened atmosphere was palpable. The stage was decorously adorned with Egyptian imagery, but he

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audience who had been muni-

The new tune that stirred the collective stumps was She's The One, an appealing ballad with a more traditional romantic structure than that usually favoured by the band

leader, who switched from

guitar to piano for the occa-

sion. Due to be World Party's

next single, it deserves to

revive the album's uncertain pulse. Gradually the show came to simmer on the slowest of heats, warmed by the excellent drumming of Chris Sharrock. Old familiars such as Put The Message in The Box and is it Too Late, with its Bo Diddley-style shuffle, lined up alongside Rolling Off A Log, a compelling orchestral piece that adds weight to the suspi-cion that Wallinger has an

epic film or stage score in him waiting to get out.

For now, after reaching a belated rocking climax on Way Down Now, the energy was diffused again on the slow encore Sweet Soul Dream before resuming high gear on the anthemic Ship Of Fools. another dose of the nostalgia craved by these Partygoers.

Going hell for leather trousers

NO ONE could accuse Del Amitri of slavishly following fashion. In their 14 years and various incarnations, this Glasgow band have moved from indie obscurity to stadium rock act, via the occasional hit and solid album sales, without ever quite striking the motherlode. They seem always to be slightly out of step with the times, whatever times

they may be. their backs when they play a

Even the stage set recalls a provincial repertory theatre of a bygone era. The backdrop wallpaper, lit by an array of table lamps. As a final touch. Dvotak's New World Symphonv - the Hovis bit, at least accompanies the group's ap-

But, in recreating the past. Del Amitri also dextrously exploit a set of winning popdevices. There are the sharp harmonies and infectious, rolling beat of their current single, Now Where It's At. and Some Other Sucker's Parade.

Del Amitri Corn Exchange Cambridge

the title track of their new album. Then there are the careworn ballads such as What I Think She Sees and Mother Nature's Writing, and the harsher rock of Medicine or Last To Know. Each exercises a considerable charm.

Justin Currie's voice, its rough edges echoing Rod Siewart and Bob Dylan, carries the music's various styles with a self-assured conviction. - including the stalwart lain Harvie (he of the beige suit) provide skilful support. But, for all this, the show is never more than the sum of its parts.

Each song's appeal is only momentary: its memory fades quickly. It is a bit like watching your favourite soap opera: every episode brings new pleasures, but your attention is always on the next one. The fun is in the anticipation rather than in the moment. And the trouble with Del Amitri is that, these days, they are rather too much Coronation Street and not enough

JOHN STREET

years ago. American dues the clebrated killers where the table chile stalled in small sensit books at the chile mursing a sone and a story nursing a song and a story about why they wanted to

shoot the President. It was an instant hit. With all nine would be assassins, from John Willies Booth to John Hinkley, crushed on to the small New End stage it is a minor miracle they don't end up plugging each other.
Sam Buntrock's production. however, is wonderfully per-

suggest that Sondheim works best in small spaces. Here the quirky, cheap-sounding tunes and clever lyrics are beautifully rendered by a cast riddled with quality. Under the cartoon portraits of their presidential victims, they sit slumped in character until prompted to tell their stories. Stephen Watts's ringmaster

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haunts each set piece like an unemployed underraker. handing out guns or blowing a melantholy trumpet. Lit like cabaret acts, our

anti-heroes take it in turns to blast their way into the world's most exclusive club. Garth Bardsley's Booth is comically adamant that-it was the demise of the Confederacy rather than his bad reviews that

prompted him to kill Lincoln. Pull the other one, suggests the chorus. The Lord's my employer, now he's my lawns reter Strakers Charles Guiteau in pure ragtime after shooting President Garfield. The voice of the evening is

> Paul Keating as the Balladeer. He was a sensation as the deaf, dumb and blind kid in Tommy and equally so here. He it is who tries to find some rhyme and reason to this collection of oddballs. He doesn't find it in Nigel Williams's wonderfully deranged Samuel Byck. Dressed in a Santa suit and rambling long tape-recorded messages to Lenny Bernstein, Byck plans to plunge a 747 into the White House. Shame such great entertainment was thwarted. It certainly isn't here.

> > **JAMES** CHRISTOPHER

In need of the Britten touch

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than they should. The narra-

tive is like a black version of

Albert Herring. The protago-

nist, Duncan, is portrayed by

two singers, a speaking Dun-can and a thinking Duncan;

the moment when they finally

sing in unison is an obvious

and telling operatic coup. He

is a "backward" child, merci-

lessly bullied by his mon-

strous mother, mocked by the

fishing community, befriend-

ed only by a weird bag-lady

and a fisherman. After the

latter's death at sea, he mur-

to show signs of life. New works are pouring out this summer — Turnage at Aldeburgh, the Almeida Opera season in full swing, and now Diana Burrell's The Albatross, premiered by Trinity College of Music at Spitalfields Market Opera.

Should Burrell's piece, completed in 1986, enjoy the privilege of subsequent performances, one or two Verdi-style - not to mention Britten-style revisions might be in order given the experience of its first staging. The composer's own libretto is based on Susan Hill's story, and perhaps relies too much on narrative values. There is some awkward "coming-and-going" drama-

ders his mother. There are also strong echoes of Peter Grimes in a pub scene. Burrell's word-setting and turgy, and the two short acts. instrumentation might best be described as uncompromiseach of 45 minutes, feel longer

angular, wide-leaping or melismatic, paying little heed to comprehensibility in competition with percussion and woodwind-rich orchestration. a problem emphasised by the resonant Spitalfields acoustics. The piece, full of sound and fury, does not leap out to embrace its audience. It was gamely conducted by Christopher Fifield and excel-

Vocal lines are often

lently directed by Stephen Langridge, though there was something mawkish about Duncan, well though James Geer and Stephen Brown sang. Amanda Palmer was a virtuoso mother. Julian Smith showed promise as the fisherman, and the bass Stephen Bowen sang beautifully.

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Don't play dumb with Radio 4

Michael Gove gives warning of the dangers of populism

L the sort of issue which would be ideal for Start the Week. What is the right balance for a publicly funded body between defending the public interest and responding to market pressures?

The BBC upholds its right to be funded by a regressive tax on the basis that it provides a service the market could not. Keeping the licence fee, however, depends on keeping a significant slice of the audience in an ever-more competitive broadcasting market. If Melvyn and his guests do. however, want to chew over the dilemma, they had better clear the running order quickly. From next April Start the Week will go the way of Stop the Week, dropped by a corporation that seems increasingly to prefer chat to conversation,

the trivial to the testing. The Controller of Radio 4. James Boyle, is planning the biggest overhaul the station has endured since the days of the crystal set. The BBC's executive management committee has endorsed a series of changes which will see The Moral Maze lost in the graveyard slot, Yesterday in Parliament guillotined and specialist

programmes such as Science Now and Medium Wave also disappearing.

Mr Boyle is not engaging in a head-long flight from the

his radio serious. Today will be extended, and it station is hard to see the pander to Yours as a defeat for

Reithian virtues. The big picture, is Mr the public. depressing. Boyle seems intent on making his station pander to niches rather than speak confidently to One Nation. Altering the prime slot between nine and ten by introducing more "accessible" programmes aimed at younger listeners takes the station further from its best traditions. Commissioning a

mid-morning scap opera tramples on them Mr Boyle may imagine his changes are necessary to at-tract new listeners. He certainly faces stiffer competition than any of his predecessors. His reforms are, however. likely only to alienate his station's loyalists without luring others. Radio 4 occupies a unique position in British broadcasting as a serious speech station and attempts to move downmarket will only shrink its share of the

market. Mr Boyle seems to want a station biased against under-standing. I am biased myself having worked on Today, I am sentimental about seriousness - but my reaction to his reforms is based more on my lack of experience of the world than the nature of my experience in the BBC.

Still shy of 30, a fan of Oasis and Irvine Welsh, as likely to be watching TFI Friday as Newsnight and as happy reading Loaded as Prospect. I am, despite myself, the object of Mr Boyle's affections. It is younger, more commercially promiscuous listeners such as me that Mr Boyle wants to attract to Radio 4. I do not. however, want Radio 4 run by

t is a perfect talking point the oldest swinger in town, for the chattering classes. I, and I suspect many of my generation of twenty and thirtysomethings, want the BBC to continue to provide the challenging and authoritative broadcasting we grew up with. Why should the BBC dumb down when the country is smartening up? With more than a third of school-leavers going on to university the market for dare one say it, intellectual programming is

increasing.

Even if the BBC were interested only in audience share then logic should dictate a move upmarket, or at least digging in on the commanding heights of the media industry. The BBC is not. however, just another media conglomerate and if it moves from its roots it will find itself undernourished. If the BBC does not vigorously live up to public service role, then public support for its poll tax

will evaporate further. Programmes such as Start the Week provide an oasis of civilised conversation on airwaves dominated by the inane, a salon surrounded by zoos. The programme has its faults. it normally boasts more plugs than Dixon's and Melvyn Bragg's pugnacity can

played an important part in British cultural life. Bragg seems intent is the C.P. Snow of our time, a novelist on making whose championing of science has done intellectual barriers — between the arts and sciniches ences and between the academy and

> Radio is a medium made for discussion and the disappearance of Start the Week would leave the BBC woefully short programmes which allow intelligent people the chance to share their intelligence with the rest of us. Broadcasting executives find the thought of a studio filled with talking heads discussing ideas hopelessly démodé but there is a public appetite for tough meat. The warm reception enjoyed by BBC2's revival of The Brains Trust showed there was an audience for the allegedly inaccessible. It is a sad ection on the corporation that the series has not been recommissioned.

t is not as though the rest of the channel's output is L unashamedly elitist. Documentaries at the BBC, with the odd exception, such as The People's Century, seem long ago to have disclaimed any didactic role and opted for a voyeurism more hole-in-thewall than fly-on-the-wall.

Radio 4 has, however, held the line over the years. On those occasions when controllers have found audience figures declining, it has, generally, been because they neglected the ivory towers. Past experiments in populism, from Citizens to Anderson Country, sat in the schedules like Orangemen at Mass, un-comfortable and unpopular. If Mr Boyle wishes to avoid their fate he should listen to the listeners and make his changes organic and his programmes serious.

When foxhunters and gay rights campaigners took to the streets, they were demanding the same freedoms

here is always some sharp comment on current affairs to be found in Johnson's Dictionary. He would have given only cold comfort to the crowds of country people who assembled in Hyde Park people who assembled in rivue Park last week. He defines "fox hunter" as "a man whose chief ambition is to show his bravery in hunting foxes. A term of reproach used of country gentlemen, Indeed, his definition of "fox" is rather more sympathetic: "A wild animal of the canine kind, with sharp ears, and a bushy tail, remarkable for his cunning, living in holes, and preying upon fowls or small animals." What a pictorial definition that is from a man so shortsighted he could scarcely see a foot in front of

There were two great demos in London last week, one of them in favour of field sports, the other in favour of gay pride. The gay demo did more to tie up the traffic, but I think the field sports was the larger. There must have been some people who joined both, but I did not see on television any banners which read "gays in favour of foxhunting" or, for that matter, "loxhunters in favour of

This cannot be because there are no people of homosexual temperament to be found in the hunting field. I am not a hunting person. Indeed, I have only once ridden a horse, an ancient white Arab mare which took me down the defile to view the remains of Petra; I got on the horse successfully, but found I did not know how to dismount, and tumbled clumsily onto the sand of the desert.

Yet even I know that there are bowler-hatted ladies of martial appearance who are among the most determined followers of the hound, and handsome cavalry officers whose sexual interests are those of the great Lord Kitchener. At least there used to be these persons, and I cannot believe Life, liberty and the hunt for happiness

that such well-established hunting types have altogether disappeared. Nor should they be criticised by the heterosexual hunting community. I have known few people of warmer hearts, shrewder judgment or stron-ger courage than tough-minded whisky-drinking lesbians of a

The two demos should have amalgamated, since they assert what is essentially the same point: that people should not be punished by the State because other people find their activities distasteful. Anti-hunting people have every right to their opinions, though there is a moral inconsistency in people who denounce hunting over plates of roast lamb, peas, mint sauce and new

It is no more agreeable for a lamb to go to the slaughterhouse than for a fox to be killed by hounds, and carnivorous anti-hunting folk may fairly be regarded as hypocrites. If they do not accept that, let them spend half a day in a slaughterhouse and see how well the next slice of saddle of lamb goes down their

Equally, one should accept the right of people to preach against homosexual practices. The Christian churches have always taught, as does the Old Testament, that sex outside marriage is wrong, that fornication is wrong, that adultery is wrong, that homosexual conduct is wrong. That

is the orthodox Christian doctrine. whether one agrees with it or not. Christianity is, in this sense, a homophobic, adulteraphobic and fornicaphobic religion. This tradi-tional Christian doctrine requires

absolute control of sexual conduct and does not shy away from celibacy. When I was young, most gay old clergy were celibate, if sometimes sentimental, as were most gay schoolmasters. I do not think they were the less happy for having made that choice, but no doubt some were.

William Rees-Mogg

A Christian, who is prepared to live by the Christian doctrine, can, without hypocrisy, advise other people to live by it for their own good. The Christian can urge very strongly that adultery breaks up marriages, and broken marriages damage children's lives. Adultery is therefore a moral transfer of the children's lives. wrong which spreads damage

through society. So long as children are not involved, simple fornication and homosexual conduct are only selfliaisons in effect become adulterous of the partners is married.

Yet Christians do not have the right to regulate by law the sexual conduct of other people who hold other views. Subject to the protection of minors, sexual conduct, which we know to be extremely variable, should be a matter for individuals so far as the law is concerned. Where coercion has been attempted, as in the laws against adultery in 17th-century New England, that has proved arbitrary. ineffective and cruel. Yet adultery, because of the damage it does to children, is a sexual conduct which society has most reason to discourage.

Most of this argument is now

commonplace, though it would not have been accepted 50 years ago. There is still a difficulty about practising homosexual dergy, which is causing much heart-searching in the Church of England. I can see no reason to distinguish between them and heterosexual clergy pursuing an extramarital affair.

If a clergyman enjoys a love nest with a quiet woman in Woking, that is no business of the News of the World, or even of his parishioners and hishop, provided he causes no scandal. But if he rides around with a local blonde teenager on the back of his motorcycle, he makes it impossible for his parishioners to turn a

"Don't ask, don't tell" has the

wisdom of charitable cowardice. On the other hand, no clergyman can successfully preach Christian doc-trine while publicly living outside it. Hypocrisy may well be preferable to

WELL NO AMAIL

The hunting and the sexual issues raise the same moral question. When are we entitled to impose our personal morality on other people's lives? Sometimes we should do so. I have a morality which says that it is wrong to kill people: I support the law against murder. Yet these cases all seem to have a social justification; the prohibited act does harm to someone else, against their will.

obvious harm except to the foxes and the sodomites; the human participants do not see the consequences as harmful, but consider them both pleasurable and psychologically liberating. Of course, if other people are involved then they must be protected, even from minor consequences. Sexual acts should not be performed in public, huntsmen should not leave gates open. But when adults give consent, and the activity does not harm third parties, the principle must be one of freedom from legal restraint.

Of course, foxes are not able to give their informed consent to being hunted. Vegetarians can argue that we should not use animals for our own purposes: that means no milk, no meat, no fish, no eggs, and it also means no foxhunting. Yet we are not a vegan society, about to throw off our shoes and go everywhere in carpet slippers. That being so, the Locke and Jefferson doctrine is the sound one; the toxhunter and the homosexual are equally entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"; in each case, people must define their own happiness, not have

Remember 1945 and all that

The Blair

honeymoon

can't last for

ever, says

Peter Riddell

ormal politics is in suspension at present. The only able to do what it wants, but it also enjoys a large fund of public goodwill. Criticisms just bounce off. It is too good to be true and there will be a reaction, probably an overreaction, before long. Those who are most enthusiastic no

will be among the most critical then. I am temperamentally suspicious of these sharp swings of mood. believing that nothing in politics is ever either as good or as bad as the zealots pretend. That overfamiliar, and recently repeated, line of Wordsworth, "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive", was, after all, written about that most violent of events, the French Revolution, by a self-described "enthusiast".

Yet for all my scepticism about grandiose political claims, the general election did reflect a widespread shift in the national mood, which has continued. Peter Mandelson, ever an acute reader of public opinion, writes in the current Fabian Review that "a deep yearning for change and the sense of relief, of something being lifted from the national consciousness, is still tangible". His argument that the public wants the new Government to be given a fair wind is not just partisan special pleading.

The opinion polls give Tony Blair. his Government and the Budget record ratings, while the Tories' decision to hold the Uxbridge byelection on July 31 is more to get a likely defeat out of the way quickly than in expectation of holding the

The closest parallel is the Labour landslide of 1945. Then, too, there was



Bills were enacted establishing much of the welfare state and nationalising most of the utilities and the Bank of England. Labour MPs. including a vast

army of new Members, accepted that their duty was to implement, not to question. Labour's programme, a duty expressed in similar terms then by Herbert Morrison as now by his grandson, Mr Mandelson. It was near the end of that honeymoon period, in April 1946, that Sir Hartley Shawcross uttered his often misquoted words that: "We are the masters at the moment - and not only for the moment, but for a very long time to come."

There is more than a touch of such ministerial arrogance around now. For all Labour's promises about opening up Whitehall and consulting RIDDELL ON MONDAY

more about legislation, the Government's 38 policy reviews are mainly being conducted in secret, while the Budget is being rushed into law with inadequate discussion with those affected. The Government, of course, knows that it can get away with such high-handedness. No one is listening to the critics, least of all to Tory MPs, who are largely irrelevant to the main political debate.

The Blair Government has made a confident start, even if the big events so far, the Amsterdam summit and the Budget, now look less like the triumphs they were first claimed to be. But no one any longer talks about the most inexperienced Administration for more than 70 years. Tony Blair has himself shown a sure touch

as Prime Minister, and his ministers have been self-disciplined so far. not least out of fear of what might happen if they step out of line.

Admittedly, at least one Cabinet minister, and two or three outside. are widely reckoned to be out of their depths. But these shortcomings and the inevitable differences over policy for instance, over devolution have not yet made much public

impact.
The Government has adopted a sensible approach on policy - press-ing ahead where it had clear ideas efore the election, such as allowing the Bank of England to set interest rates (an ironic reversal of the first Bill in 1945), improving standards in schools and the Welfare to Work package, while initiating its multitude of reviews in other areas.

his own, the hereditary peerage.
 When the Government introduces

its promised legislation to restrict

voting rights in the Upper Cham-ber to life peers, he intends to chall-

the Budget. The shires - not the Middle England that Labour won on May 1 - have demonstrated against the Bill to ban foxhunting, though this is a Private Member's measure which stands virtually no chance of becoming law this session. This issue was also fiercely debated in the late 1940s but a ban was resisted by Tom Williams, the Minister of Agriculture, on the ground that forhunting assisted food production, and by trade union MPs who pointed out that hunting was popular in rural mining areas. The Attiee Government's honey

Of course, as more policy emerges, more enemies will be made. Pension

funds and international companies

are already worried about aspects of

moon ended in the harsh winter of 1946-47 because of the energy and economic crises. The Blair Governrather than shortages and austerity. it faces a consumer and housing

Gordon Brown is now being attacked by some in the City for not being restrictive enough, though before the Budget few of his critics were advocating the scale of tax increases he introduced. Both fiscal policy and the strong pound point to a slowdown within the next two years. The squeeze on exporters is likely to reverse the declining trend in unem-ployment. That will really test the Government's popularity.

imilarly, as the Liberal Democrats have pointed out, the Government's public spending plans are tighter in real terms than those they inherited, even after the Budget increases for health-and schools. This is because of the rise in inflation. The comprehenive spending review needs to find somebig savings, and not just pie-in-thesky ones on welfare, if standards of public services are to be maintained, let alone improved.

Normal politics will resume with-

in, I guess, 12 months. Meanwhile, ministers should ponder Hugh Dalton's diary entry for Thursday, June 27. 1946: "I am riding just now on a high tide of success. I must, therefore. cautiously watch my step!" Within 18 months, he had been forced to resign.

Stir crazy

MEMBERS of the British secret service based at the MI5 offices at Horseferry Road, Millbank, might be excused for ignoring the occasional tortured scream echoing from the basement's murky depths. But on Thursday evening the desperate pleas emanating from the building's subterranean bowels were those of Labour Co-op MP Don Touhig, who had found himself imprisoned on the premises with no means of escape. Touhig, Member for Islwyn, and parliamentary aide to Gordon

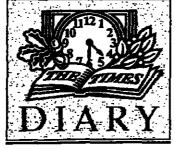
Don Touhig locked in

hosted by Mo Mowlam, at the Northern Ireland Office, which shares the same basement and garage with the MIS building next door. When it was time to leave, he was advised to use the rear entrance because of an Irish pronationalist demonstration taking place out front. "I was led down a series of

immensely long corridors," said a breathless Touhig. "Eventually the security guard pointed to a door at the end of one of these corridors and told me that that was the way out. When I got there the door was locked and when I returned to where the guard had left me that door was locked, too. I couldn't get

As the minutes stretched into hours, Touhig tried vainly to hang on to his nerve: "I could hear voices and I began shouting but no one could hear me. I was meant to be at the House for a reading of the

Finance Bill." Like a grounded fox, wild-eyed and sweating, the Labour MP at last stumbled upon a kitchen and a telephone. "I called my friend and neighbouring MP. Paul Murphy. the Minister of State for Northern



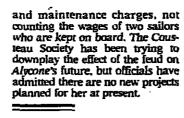
Ireland. I told him I was totally trapped. He came and got me out."

lied up

NOWHERE are internecine fights more typified than with the poignant sight of the late Jacques Cousteau's abandoned research vessel, left to the elements off the coast of South Africa. While his family fights over his estate back in France, Cousteau's research ship Alveone is gathering barnacles at Cape Town's waterfront with two

sailors on board. The Alycone is one of a series of hi-tech, non-polinting vessels used by Cousteau to explore the world's oceans and she has been floating. almost forgotten in the harbour for

nearly two years. The vessel is costing about 5,000 rand (£650) a month in mooring



Heavenly grub STUDENTS attending Nelson Mandela's lecture at the Oxford Union on Friday evening were in-

trigued to hear the South African Pesident extolling the virtues of Islam. Pressed on the matter, Mandela confessed that his



symapathy with the faith began during his prison days. When inside, with visits and letters restricted to one every six months, the prisoners were

allowed a weekly visit from various religious ministers. While the Christians brought in their Bibles and the rabbis arrived with their Torahs, the Muslim priests would turn up with a copy of the Koran and for each prisoner a chipatti or a samosa. For Mandela, it was the food that clinched it.

• Nick Hornby, Arsenal Football Club fanatic and celebrated author of Fever Pitch and High Fidelity, is only two weeks away from-finishing his third novel. "This one is about people," says Hornby, "with a little bit of football and music thrown in."

a title. It was the same with the last two — the title came last." Presumably not what Hornby would say about the Gunners' Premiership aspirations next season.

Peer pressure LORD BETHELL, 4th Baron, former MP, and veteran campaigner

on human rights in Eastern

But the author confesses to a problem: "I still haven't thought of

enge it in the European Court of Human Rights. "I didn't have the chance to elect or not elect them,"
Bethell protests. "If they take away
the only vote I have, I will be deprived of an elementary human right. It would present a clear and nnable case. 🖥 • Taking a leaf out of the England cricket team handbook comes the Tory high command, decamped to

the country to bond, regroup and think about its prospects. From yesterday to today, William Hague has eathered his inner circle at a hotel in Henley, Michael Heseltine's constituency. Present were members of his private office, a few members of the Shadow Cabinet and key Tory strategists. Their mission? To rethink the future of the Conservative Party.

Frock shock

The most treasured party frock of Diana, Princess of Wales, is being dismantled and turned into simplated pearl earrings. The dress, designed by Catherine Walker and covered with 20,000 fake pearls Europe, has taken up the cause of a persecuted minority closer to home and glass beads, was first worn by

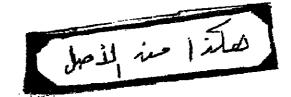


Roxanne Duke frocking news

the Princess at a London reception in 1982 and was aired again on her trip to Nepal in 1993. Last month it was sold at Christie's in New York for £24,500 to Arnold and Roxanne Duke, gem-brokers from Maryland

Taryiano. "We can make up to 10,000 pairs of earnings set in 14 carat gold out of it," says Duke, who intends to sell them for £700 a pair. The gown's rhinestone and pearl helt. will also be detached and sold for an additional £3,000. "Some people." think the idea is tather tacky, admits Duke, "but I feel we're doing a positive thing."

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SPORTING AMATEURS

The distribution of lottery grants needs scrutiny

The National Lottery has seen millions of pounds flow to good causes. Hamilton Bland is not one of them. The swimming coach, whose web of interests we report today, appears to have exploited the various positions he holds for private gain. Mr Bland's potential conflicts of interest provide Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, the Media and Sport, with another reason to review the operation of the lottery. The patchwork nature of lottery grant distribution gives powers of patronage to a huge variety of individuals, some of them in situations where public and private interests can conflict. It is important that the spending process be devolved as far as possible from ministers, but the lottery must be protected from anyone who might see an opportunity to benefit personally.

The lottery has not created new ethical dilemmas in the disbursement of grants, but it has multiplied the sums involved and created many more potential difficulties. Mr Bland was riding two horses well before the opportunities offered by the lottery arose. In apparently recommending to local authorities the products of a swimming pool company for whom he was acting as agent he appears to have enmeshed himself in conflicts of interest. His private interests do not inspire faith in his suitability for his position as "facilities consultant" to the Amateur Swimming Association. Mr Bland advises on the installation of millions of pounds worth of swimming pools, and the existence of a tangle of complicating interests makes his role, at best, problematic. The Sports Council was right to express its disquiet two years ago and it is remarkable that the ASA has not taken action until now.

It is in the best spirit of pluralism, and voluntarism, that the sums raised by the lottery should be spent by those who are, in the best sense, amateurs. The range of outside expertise and enthusiasm co-opted

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onto bodies such as the National Heritage Memorial Fund takes decisions out of overcrowded ministerial in-trays and provides a welcome breadth of perspective. Ministers have, however, already found that the range of decisions taken at arm's length can embarrass. The former Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, was driven to express her disquiet at some charities which benefited from lottery largesse. Her objections to funding for "politically correct" causes may have been motivated with an eye to the polls but it indicated the potential for difficulties with one form of devolution.

The questions raised by Mr Bland's position are of a wholly different order but spring from the same structure. Were Mr Bland a government employee rather than the appointee of an independent body then his position would be easier to police. Inevitably, individuals with the experience to advise on sports or arts funding will find, on occasion, that their own network of ties can render them parti pris. Common sense has usually governed conduct. On bodies where potential conflicts have arisen, such as the Arts Council, figures such as Lord Rogers of Riverside have been at pains to absent themselves from decisions where their own interests are material. While Mr Bland may have stood aside at some meetings, his ties with one particular company suggest that more active scrutiny, and intervention, may be required.

Intervention should be sensitive, but it is hard to see how an individual with interests on the scale of Mr Bland's should be able to exercise the influence his position allows on major funding decisions. Given his pastrole as active agent for a commercial concern, it is hard to see how he can remain absolutely impartial in a situation which demands unqualified punctiliousness. Thorough investigation of his role should lead to a thoughtful review of lottery spending.

EUROPE'S OTHER TERRORISTS

Britain must help Madrid beat Basque separatists

The brutal weekend murder of a young Basque politician by Eta terrorists has horrified and angered all Spain. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in rallies across the country demanding the release of the 29-year-old councillor abducted by gunman demanding the transfer of some 450 Basque prisoners to the Basque region. After his body was dumped by the roadside, fury and frustration exploded across the country. Demonstrators lobbed petrol bombs into the local offices of Herri Batasuna, Eta's political wing. Parties across Spain condemned the killing and the Bishop of Bilbao said the act of terrorism degraded its instigators, its authors and anyone who supported them.

But while José Maria Aznar, the Prime Minister, led a Bilbao demonstration of half a million people, the government response has so far been measured. No new emergency measures have been announced. Madrid is sticking to its policy of ignoring the terrorists while refusing to accede to their demands on prisoners.

There is, indeed, no basis for any talks, for Eta demands no less than the break-up of the country. It wants complete independence for the Basque region - but forestalls any negotiations by insisting that this cannot be granted until Madrid abolishes the constitutional clause mandating the Army to protect national unity. The Basques already have more self-government than anyone else in Spain. A regional assembly with tax-raising powers is responsible for education, health and the police. The local government is led by the moderate Basque National Party. which stridently protects the Basque language, culture and separate identity. And whereas the Basques were indeed an oppressed people when Eta began its

campaign of violence against the Franco Government in 1968, no one could now point to any political grievance that does not have a democratic channel for its expression.

Like the IRA, Eta now consists of a hard core of fanatics with no interest in any political outcome that would close off violence and a continuation of the armed struggle. The random murder of the young councillor is the tenth killing this year, adding to a total of around 800 over the past 29 years. This latest, however, has alienated all other Basque political groups, which were ready to open a dialogue with Herri Batasuna. That may have been a main aim of this assassination. For Eta's soft support will now melt away, leaving the organisation smaller but tougher.

The killing is also a sign of desperation. France, which for far too long turned a blind eye to Eta's activities on its soil, has for the past five years cracked down hard on the terrorists. A French raid in Bidart in 1992 captured most of the top leadership, crippling Eta's operations for years. Other European countries, tightening police cooperation in the fight against international terrorism, have also denied Eta sanctuary and are quick to help Madrid with intelligence tip-offs. Only Latin America now remains a refuge. Even in the Basque region itself, Eta can no longer count on silence and tacit support.

Of all Spain's allies, Britain should be the first to realise the dangers of a violent and irreconcilable regional sub-culture. The Government should spare no effort to offer its own intelligence support, persuade Mexico and Uruguay to tighten controls on Eta and use its coming European Union presidency to help to rid the continent of the scourge of terrorism.

STUBIT OUT

Changing the law could curb smoking

Although the number of smokers has fallen dramatically since the link between cigareties and cancer was first identified, the remaining total is still stubbornly high. The new Government displayed its determination to tackle this issue by its early ban on advertising and sponsorship by tobacco firms. It will take that strategy one step further today when the Department of Health hosts a conference to examine recent international initiatives.

The most prominent of these come from the United States. Some of the measures concerned - notably a blanket ban on all smoking in public places - raise problems of principle and practicality. A better idea is to raise the age at which cigarettes may legally be purchased from 16 to 18.

The law at present is curious and difficult to justify. Alcohol, where public policy is designed to promote moderation rather than prohibition, may not lawfully be bought from shops until the age of 18. Cigarettes. which have no redeeming qualities and where the public interest lies in minimal consumption, can be purchased at 16. It is difficult to establish any rational basis for

this distinction. Purthermore, smoking among teenagers is the root of the problem, since almost all adults who smoke started before the age of 20. The official Government target, a reduction in the proportion of all children aged II to 15 who smoke to 6 per cent, was

missed some time ago. The percentage of young girls who smoke is more than double that figure.

Making cigarettes harder for young people to buy seems a sensible aim. The modest level of current fines - a maximum of £2,000 - has proved insufficient to deter retailers. Cigarettes also enter the school playground through 16-year-olds who legally buy them and then give, or not infrequently sell, them on to younger pupils.

An increase in the legal age to 18, combined with a sharp increase in the penalties on those who sell cigarettes to the young, could have some chance of success. The tighter sanctions on the retailer are vital if the move to 18 is to be more than symbolic.

The tobacco industry will probably protest. If so, Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, might remind industry leaders of the tentative settlements their sister companies in the United States have reached with the state Governments who were suing them. As part of this package, cigarette firms would be subject to financial penalties if youth smoking failed to fall to official targets over five, seven, and ten-year periods. The firms have withdrawn advertising material that appeals to the teenage market. They have also agreed to fund a nationwide campaign to dissuade children from starting the habit. In Britain, as in the United States, the option of litigation remains open if persuasion fails to produce results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rules for the payment of MPs

From Mr M. Al Fayed, Chairman of Harrods

Sir, Friendship is a fine thing. The trouble is Lord Harris of High Cross (letter, July II) does not seem to know his friend Neil Hamilton as well as I

Why did I pay Mr Hamilton? Because he demanded it. Why were payments required? I did not make the rules; they already existed in 1985 when, as a foreign investor, I brought £573 million into this country and acquired House of Fraser fair and square. This led to a vociferous campaign against me, including in the House of Commons. There was no shortage of Tory MPs willing to pile in against me.

Even though I was running 100 department stores from Inverness to Plymouth and employing 25,000 British people, no MP at that time would speak up for an Egyptian. That was when the lobbyist lan Greer introduced me to Mr Hamilton.

Lord Harris accuses me of making "malicious allegations". I made my disclosures in the public interest, notwithstanding the considerable commercial and personal risks involved, like being attacked by him. I have four British children and just as much of a stake in the better governance of this country as a peer of the

Quoting a Commons resolution of 1695, he says that I seem to be "the villain of the piece". In fact, it is not illegal to pay MPs: big companies and trade unions are doing it all the time. What is improper is for MPs to fail to disclose such payments in the Register of Members' Interests and that is the offence of which Sir Gordon Downey has found Mr Hamilton guilty (reports, July 4).

Lord Harris says my testimony was "unreliable"; Sir Gordon Downey disagrees in three fat volumes.

Yours faithfully. M. AL FAYED. Chairman, Harrods, 87/135 Brompton Road, SWI.

Drugs legislation

From Mr Peter Kidson

Sir. Tim Rathbone, former chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Drugs Misuse Group, says (letter, July 10) that reducing legal sanctions against drug use and dealing will not reduce drug-related crime. As effective legal sanctions increase the risks and costs to criminal drug dealers, so the price on the street goes up and addicts turn to crime to finance their habit. This crime is a prohibition problem, not a drug problem as such.

It follows that as legal sanctions are reduced, thereby making drugs less illegal or even legal, so the street price of drugs will reduce and addicts will have less need to resort to crime - at present estimated to amount to half the total value of all theft.

Yours faithfully, P. KIDSON, North Lodge, Ridgeway, Horsell, Woking, Surrey. July 10.

Budget and industry

From Professor D. G. Rhys

Sir. If Anatole Kaletsky is right (article, "If Britain goes bust don't blame the Budget", July 8) and new Labour really proposes to complete the process of turning Britain into a post-industrial economy by sacrificing manufacturing industry to the need to control inflation, then this has horrifying consequences not just for industry but for the manufacturing-intensive areas of the UK.

The modern economic base in areas such as the North East and Wales consists of a burgeoning, efficient manufacturing sector. In Wales, and as an exception to the normal trend in a developed economy, the proportion of GDP generated by manufacturing industry is increasing and widely pre-dicted to reach 30 per cent by 2001. If the burden of economic adjustment is. as Kaletsky suggests, to be placed on UK manufacturing, then the resultant decline in manufacturing capacity will cripple an economy like the Welsh one, and make a mockery of the "de facto" Welsh economic policy which has based economic recovery on stimulating existing, and attracting new, manufacturing enterprises.

If the Bank of England's and Trea-sury's attitude to industry is, in effect, to undermine a major part of British regional policy then at the very least we should be told.

Yours faithfully, GAREL RHYS (Head of Economics). Cardiff University Business School. Aberconway Building, Colum Drive, Cardiff. July 10.

UK economy

From Mr David Weeks

Sir, As well as "party politics" [letter, July 11; see also letters, July 7 and 12] two other words that might account for the relative performance of the UK and Hong Kong economies are: work

Yours faithfully, DAVID WEEKS. Clover Cross Farm, Dunkerton, Bath. dajaweeks@aol.com

Blair's 'national plan' for education

From Lord Skidelsky

Sir, I was interested to read your wholehearted endorsement of the central planning of education (leading article, "Labour's standards", July 8). The new White Paper commits the Government to a national plan for raising educational standards by means of output targets for each school and all pupils (measured by test results), specified production methods ("best practice"), targeted allocation of resources (eg. to primary schools) and an intrusive monitoring system ("zero tolerance") backed by sticks (dismissals, closures, takeovers by management teams of failing schools and failing local education authorities) and carrots (bonuses for plan fulfilment).

Three questions immediately arise. What national emergency requires this extension of state control over education? Why does the Government believe that central control will raise the quality and efficiency of education-al output in the face of overwhelming evidence of the failure of the former centrally-planned economies? And how does what your leader approvingly describes as a "Prussian" system of inspection square with the values

and practices of a free society? You rightly point out that Labour's plan is more coherent and allembracing than any of the initiatives introduced by John Major's Government". I would like to think that this is because the Conservative Government retained some commitment to the idea of variety of school and freedom of parental choice.

Everyone is in favour of a good education for all. The question is whether this can or should be planned by central government, or whether it can and should arise as a by-product of choice and competition.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT SKIDELSKY. House of Lords.

From Dr Jean Lawrence

Sir, The Prime Minister (article, July 7) favours "setting Igrouping within certain subjects according to ability. rather than mixed-ability teaching, in comprehensive schools" as one means of catering for children's differing talents and abilities, recognising them, and stretching children to progress as far and as fast as they can.

closely akin - that where setting takes place it will not bring about a form of streaming? This would happen if the same children appear in most or all of the top sets, so that large numbers of children are stigmatised as less able and given weaker members of staff to teach them, with the concomitant evils which gave rise in the first place to calls for mixed-ability teaching.

Can he reassure those anxious to

avoid the harmful side-effects of

streaming (dividing school intake ac-cording to general ability) — to which setting can in certain situations be

Setting will need to be carefully monitored. Badly used it would prove

Yours faithfully. J. LAWRENCE (Principal lecturer in Education, Goldsmiths College, University of London, 1973-86). 5 Woodpecker Close, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Katie Ivens, Vice-Chairman of the Campaign for Real Education

Sir, Mr Blair is right to pursue higher education standards by trying to reform classroom practice. But he is being disingenuous in his article when he reiterates his pre-election claim that, in contrast to the previous Government, "we say that standards matter more than structures".

The last Government created assisted places. This one is abolishing them. The last Government created grantmaintained schools. This Government is abolishing them. Local education authorities were diminished by the last Government. They're being rebuilt by Mr Blair.

Enactment of this White Paper's proposals will ensure that little happens in schools except on the say-so of LEAs. Indeed the LEAs, the authors and enforcers of bad educational practice in classrooms up and down the country, are once again to be loosed upon our schools as enforcers of 'development plans".

Mr Blair's denied structures are the enemy of his declared standards.

Yours faithfully. KATIE IVENS. Vice-Chairman. Campaign for Real Education. 18 Westlands Grove, Stockton Lane, York.

Classical acting

From the Director of Shakespeare Unplugged

Sir, We at the National Theatre share your concern about the state of classical theatre training in Britain (report and leading article, July 9).

If young actors cannot make the language of Shakespeare and Shaw their own, they will be unable to bring these plays alive for audiences of the future. Our extraordinary collective tradition could become the exclusive preserve of an educated elite. This would be a huge loss and a commercial absurdity for a country whose most significant global asset is the English language.

The National Theatre's Shakespeare Unplugged project is partly conceived as a training ground for young actors, but we were still shocked to find that one of our leading actors in Twelfth Night had gone through three years at a major drama school without doing a single Shake-

speare. Drama schools are finding that new students lack basic skills that were previously taken for granted. It's not simply that they have little understanding of Shakespeare: very few have had to learn text at school or speak it out loud, and they often lack knowledge of grammar and punctua-

At the same time, the funding crisis in the regional repertory theatres is depriving young performers not just of a grounding in the classics, but also of the experience of working as an en-

Greenhouse pest From Dr Richmond A. Dutton

Sir, I read with interest Dr Stutta-

ford's "Medical Briefing" (July 8) on the problem of the glasshouse red spider mite, Tetranychus urticae, causing allergies in humans. I confess that in 25 years of working in horticulture I have never encountered such a problem. I must take exception to the description of the mite having a "bloodsucking mouth". This mite, of course, is entirely vegetarian and is no more predatory than, say, a sheep.

May I suggest a couple of simple and non-pharmaceutical cures for the problem. One solution would be to introduce the predatory mite Phytoseiulus persimilis into the greenhouse - these will eat all other mites but may, presumably, cause the same problems themselves. Or, simpler, keep up a high humidity in the glasshouse by misting the plants and damping down the floor. Tetranychus only thrives in a dry atmosphere.

Yours etc., R. A. DUTTON, 11 St Andrews Road, Claughton, Wirral, Merseyside, July 8.

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We at the National are responding to this challenge by researching and developing a model for a national training ensemble for actors at the

start of their professional careers. Yours faithfully. BRIGID LARMOUR. Director, Shakespeare Unplugged. Royal National Theatre. South Bank, SEI.

From the Chief Executive Designate of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority

Sir, Your leading article is quite wrong to suggest that "deafness to Shakespeare is likely to worsen" as a result of the national curriculum. It is because of the national curriculum that more Shakespeare is being taught to more children, of all abili-

ties, than ever before. All pupils study at least one Shakespeare play at age 14 and another for their GCSE at age 16. This is over one million young people at any one time. Moreover, evidence suggests that Shakespeare is being well taught - as living drama, not dead text - and that children enjoy it.

David Blunkett wants us to praise teachers for what they are doing well. Let's begin with the Shakespeare revival in schools.

Yours sincerely. NICHOLAS TATE. Chief Executive Designate. Oualifications and Curriculum Authority. Level 6. Caxton House, Tothill Street, SWI. July 10.

Word association

From Mr Ralph F. Rolls

Sir, Whilst thumbing through my well-worn 1978 copy of The Pocket Oxford Dictionary, I noticed that the word "Tory" is sandwiched between the words "torture" and "tosh". I couldn't help wondering if this was purely accidental or some subliminal portent on behalf of the editor.

Yours faithfully RALPH F. ROLLS, 5 Brisbane Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19. July 12.

Forward planning

From Mr John V. Chelsom

Sir. It used to be Christmas cards in Woolworths in August. Then it was the deluge of charity catalogues in late

Yesterday representatives of Bromley, the London borough, put through my door notice of a special-offer cutprice compost bin and the Christmas 1997 refuse-collection rota.

Yours merrily, JOHN V. CHELSOM, 3 Dura Den Close. Beckenham Place Park, Beckenham, Kent. July II.

'Best' scientific evidence on BSE

From Professor P. J. Lachmann, FRS, Biological Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's article on BSE (July 7) is most unfortunate in that it gives prominence to Alan Ebringer's preposterous thesis that BSE is an auto-immune disease. This is comparable with Peter Duesberg's false hypothesis that Aids is not the consequence of infection with HIV another story which had extensive coverage in the press and on tele-vision. While maverick views on science exceptionally turn out to be right. the reverse is usually the case. Lord Rees-Mogg would have done well to consult more widely before rushing into print.

There is overwhelming evidence that BSE and related spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) are transmissible in a way that auto-immune disease is not. The pathological appearances are also quite different. Furthermore the experiments of the Zurich investigators on the susceptibility of immunodeficient mice to TSEs are misrepresented by the Ebringer thesis which claims that such mice cannot be infected with prions (the infective

However, immunodeficient strains of mice can be infected with prions and do develop the disease if they are injected with appropriate prions directly into the brain - proving conclusively that the disease is not auto-immune. It is only when these mice are injected with prions elsewhere (eg. into their muscles) that they fail to become infected. This is because components of the immune systern are needed to "transport" the agent to the brain.

I strongly endorse Lord Rees-Mogg's view that the public needs to be sure that BSE policy is supported by the best scientific evidence. That evidence gives no credence to any idea of auto-immune involvement in the

Yours faithfully P. J. LACHMANN (Chairman, Royal Society Group on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies; Professor of Immunology. University of Cambridge). The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, SWI.

Byron's brass eagle

From the Rector Chori of Southwell Minster

Sir, Of the abbey itself at Newstead (report, "Coal pit will undermine Byron's abbey". July 8) little remains. By ron himself made sure of that by his family's neglect of the place. However, one significant Flemish artefact, made for the abbey in about 1504, now graces the cathedral here at Southwell.

On the dissolution of Newstead Abbey in 1539, its magnificent brass eagle lectern was cast by the monks into the fishpond to prevent it falling into the hands of Henry VIII's commissioners, where amazingly it remained, forgotten for 250 years, before being dredged up. Bought from a Nottingham scrap-merchant, it was eventually restored and presented to Southwell, Newstead's neighbouring cathedral, in the 19th century. It is quite something when viewing this beautiful bird to ponder that it

has spent more than half its life un-Yours faithfully,

PAUL HALE. Rector Chori, Southwell Minster, 4 Vicar's Court. Southwell. Nottinghamshire.

BA puzzle

From Mr Stuart Fyles

Sir, Brigadier A. A. Wilson (letter, July io) asks what the three small pots of unguent are for in the emergency pack that was provided by British Airways when his baggage was left

The answer is simple. The "Relaxing Gel should be spread over airport lounge seats prior to delays - I have never been able to relax in one yet. The "Rehydration Gel" should be added to meals once aboard the aircraft no explanation necessary. Finally, the "Revitalising Gel" should be saved until the end of the present dispute and then spread liberally over aircraft. BA stationery and the like to spruce up what will, by then, be a rather jaded new corporate image.

On the other hand, to judge by reactions I have heard to the new corporate identity as depicted on the planes' tailfins, the "Revitalising Gel" could be used immediately while some of the aircraft are still grounded.

Yours faithfully, STUART FYLÉS. 10 Salvington Hill, Worthing, West Sussex.

Same again?

From Mr Brian Lynch

Sir, Picket lines again, inflation up, interest rates up, more troops in Ulster. Ken Livingstone back in the limelight. Didn't take long, did it?

Yours, BRIAN LYNCH, 3 Marlborough Road. Brentwood, Essex. July 13.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 12: The Duke of York this morning visited the flood-affected areas at Eigin and Forres and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licatenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marchael Communication) Marshal George Chesworth).

His Royal Highness this afternoon

presented the prizes at the Loch Lomond Golf International at the Loch Lomond Golf Glub. Luss. Dunbartonshire. KENSINGTON PALACE

July 12: The Duke of Gloucester. Trustee, the British Museum, this morning attended a Trustees' Meet-ing at the Museum. Bloomsbury. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 12: The Duke of Kent. Patron. Kent County Cricket Club, this morning attended the Benson and Hedges Cup Final against Surrey County Cricket Club at Lord's Cricket

Ground, London NW8.

His Royal Highness, President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this afternoon departed Kenington Palace for Belgium. The Duke of Kent this evening

attended a dinner given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the King-dom of Belgium (His Excellency Mr David Colvin) at Rue Henri Pirenne. Brussels. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE July 13: Divine Service was held at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, this morning.
The Reverend Charles Rubertson

preached the Sermon.
Mr Clifford Hodgens (Deputy
Lieutenant of West Sussex) was
present at Gatwick Airport, London.

IN the woods on a misty

morning, the only sound is

the gruff cooing of the wood

pigeons and an occasional

hedges are falling silent.

and a yodelling cry.

New south-bound migrants

appearing at gravel pits are

the greenshanks from Scandi-

navia: they are tall, elegant

waders, with silvery plumage

from a wren.

Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Carlisle and welcomed their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

Her Majesty was represented by General Sir Jeromy Mackenzie Aide-de-Camp Generall at the service of thanksgiving for the Life of Field Marshal Sir James Casses (formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in the Garrison Chapel, Fort George. Inverness-shire, this

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major-General John Hopkinson. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 13: The Duke of York this auy 13: The Duke Of Tork this afternoon took part in the Roxburghe Golf Challenge Match in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund at the Roxburghe Golf Course, Kelso, Roxburghshire.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE July 13: The Duke of Kent. President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this aftermoon attended a ceremony marking the Eightieth Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele at Tynecot Military

Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium. His Royal Highness later attended a Service of Dedication at the Menin

Cate.
The Duke of Kent this evening arrived at Kensington Palace from Poperinge, Belgium.
Mr. Nicolas Adamson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK July 13: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this morning visited St Mary's Con-vent and Nursing Home, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, London W4.

Sunshine and showers have

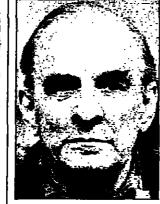
brought out high summer in

profusion. The pink flowers of

wild basil and the light purple

Birthdays today

The Earl of Arran, 59; Mr Ingmar Bergman, film director, 79; Mr Martin Boase, advertising executive, 65; Sir Alan Cockshaw, former chairman, AMEC, 60; Miss Vera Di Palma, taxation accountant, 66; Mr Paul Eddery, jockey. 34: Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, 73; Mr Gerald Ford. former American President, 84: Six David Hardy, chairman of the trustees, National Maritime Museum, 67; Mr Illtyd Harrington, ormer chairman, GLC, 66 Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine. betty Kenward, the original "Jen-nifer" of Tatler, Queen, and Harpers & Queen, 91; Miss Sue Lawley, broadcaster, 51: Major-General C.A.R. Nevill, 90; Mr Bruce Oldfield, designer, 47: Lord Recs-Mogg, 69; Mr John Sclater, president, Equitable Life Assurance Society. 57: the Right Rev James Smith, Bishop of Bradford. 62: Sir Richard Trehane, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board. S4: Mr Anthony Waterlow, chair-man. Kodak, 59.



Ingmar Bergman, who is 79 today

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIER: J A Thorp and A E G

Truluck to HQ Land, 147,97.

COLONEL: R A Fleid-smith to ETS

Branch (non ADHQ) HQ DGAGC.
14.7.97: N A Suthertand to OCE HQ

LAND. 14.7.97.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: W M

Carlisle, RLC, to MoD, 3.7.97: A J B

Edwards, DANDD, to HQ BF Cyprus.
27.10.97: D J Hemming-Tayler, RLC.

to JTMS, 4.8.97: A J R Jackson, R Irish,

to RHQ R Irish, 27.10.97: I B Liles, R

Irish, To HQ ARRC. 9.9.97: B Nutt.

REME, to DGESIA, 1.5.97: A C

Richards, WG, to HQ INF, 8.9.97: D B

RUIT, RLC, to DG LOG SP(A), 4.8.97: J

W Rutter, AAC, to SAAVN, 11.8.97.

Retirement

Retirement Colonel M E C Coombs, 14.7.97.

AFPAA, 14.7.97. GROUP CAPTAIN: D H White to HQ IGP. 21.7.97. DJM WING COMMANDER: FL Mogford to HQ PTC, 30.6.97; H W Price to MoD. 30.6.97; C A R Burgess to MoD(PE), 17.7.97. Richard Blake, is available in pa-perback at £6.99 (Robson Books).

MECOLI - On Monday 7th July, 1997 suddenly but peacefully, William Bughes OBE, aged 86 years. Late of Cockin and Maydfeld, Sussex. Dearly beloved husband of Elsie, father of Sesan and David and grandfather of Jolyon and Steven. Committed the summer of th

655000.

POTTER - Geoffrey Heddon CRE passed away suddenly on 7th July 1997 in Spain. Beloved husband of Panline and a dear father to Michael and Susan, loving grandpa to Paul, Adam, Lucle and Toby. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Caverakan, Reading on Thursday July 17th at 11.30 am, followed by Committed at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations for Dr Bell's Cardiac Unit-Battle Hospital' may be sent to AB, Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Hidon Road, Reading, RG1 MILE.

1088 - Donald died peacefully on July 10th whilst at his daughter's in Rivington, Bolton, Sadly missed by his

on July 10th whilst at his daughter's in Rivington, Bolton Sadly missed by his sister Jean, son David, daughter Isabella and their families. Faneral at Roundstone Church, Co. Galway, on Tuesday July 15th at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to RNII Co Liveery, Church St. Horwich, Bolton STRONG - On 10th July 1997 peacefully Famela Mary 299d 80 years. Much lowed mother of Irish and Roger. Grandmother of Ben and Tim. The funeral service takes place at St Johns Church, Marrow, at 1130 am on Wednesday 16th July. All flowers and enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, GUZ 6NY, tell. (O1483) 567333.
WELLS - On 10th July 1997, Commander Richard Frederick (Dicky). Royal Navy Retired, beloved husband of the last fog watch, 298d 83 years. Much loved father of Tom. Bay, Francis and Tony and grandfather of ten grandchildren, Funeral at Holy Trialty Church, Nawtown on Friday 18th July at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only Donations if desired to National Asthma Campaling, London M1 ONT.
WH.DE - George Albert, of Purley, Surrey, Freemen of the City of London died suddenly on the galf course on 11th July 1997 298d 83 years. All calls letters and flowers respectifully declined — bydand.

IN MEMORIAM -

Died bravely at Baghdad 14th July 1958. Friend of Harrow days remembered with effection and respect. Atlen Gray, Melbourne, Australia.

IN MEMORIAM —

PRIVATE

WAR

Retirements Group Captain: J Rose, 20.7.97.

BIRTHDAYS

Memorial service Field Marshal Sir James Cassels

The Queen was represented by General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie and The Duke of Edinburgh by

The Very Rev James Harkness, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, officiated, Major James Cassels, son, and Major-General

Anniversaries

"Amber Nectar": and C & K

Jones, of Tarvin, Chester,

which introduced "Kathryn

McGredy", a large-flowered

Other new roses launched

at the festival were pink

cluster-flowered Centena-

ry", introduced by Mattocks

Roses, of Nuneham Courten-

ay. Oxfordshire, bright red large flowered "Courage".

from Cants, of Colchester,

Essex: golden orange cluster-

flowered "Flower Child", from Warley Rose Gardens, of Great Warley, Essex, "Wonderer", a pink ground-cover by Bill Le Grice Roses,

of Roughton: Norfolk, and "With Thanks", a fragrant

yellow and pink cluster-flow-

ered rose, by Rearsby Roses, of Rearsby, Leicestershire. The rose of 1997, a cluster-

flowered cultivar with shape-

ly salmon pink blooms

named "Sunset Boulevard", bred by R Harkness & Co, of

Hitchin, Hertfordshire, was shown. The James Mason

Memorial award went to

"Freedom", a large-flowered

rich yellow rose bred by

Dickson Nurseries, of

Newtownards, Co Down, and introduced in 1984.

cultīvar in pink shade.

BIRTHS: Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette leader, Manchester, 1858: Gustav Klimt, painter, Vi-enna, 1862: Gertrude Bell, traveller, Washington Hall, Co Durham, 1868: F.R. Leavis, literary critic, Cambridge, 1895; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, Okemah, Oklahoma, 1912.

DEATHS: Mme de Stael, writer, Paris, 1817; Alfred Krupp, industrialist, Essen, Germany, 1887; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic, 1883-1902, Clarens, Switterland, 1904; Faisal II, King of Iraq 1939-58, murdered, Baghdad, 1958; Adrien Wettach (Grock), clown, Imperia, Italy, 1959; Adlai Stevenson, American statesman, London, 1967.

The Bastille, Paris, was stormed and destroyed by the citizens, 1789. Alfred Nobel demonstrated dynamite for the first time at a quarry in Redhill, Surrey, 1867. The campanile of St Mark's Cathedral in Venice collapsed during a safety inspection, 1902.

BBC Television transmitted its first play, The Man with a Flower in His Mouth, by Pirandello, 1930.

Marriages

Mr C.T.M. Indand Lady Iona Hay

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's Church. inster Abbey, of Mr Charles Ind, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John ind, of Chelsea, to Lady Iona Charlotte Hay, second daughter of the Earl and Countess of Kinnoull, of Chelsea, Canon Donald Gray officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Claerwen and Kit Smith, Katherine Lowson, Rasha Said, Lady Atalanta Hay and Miss Sasha Ball. Mr Charles Curtis was best man.

A reception was held at the House of Lords and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

The Hon J.H.C. Harris and Miss J.N.G. Fulford-Dobson The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Mary's, Cerne Abbas, Dorset, of the Hon James Harris. eldest son of Viscount and Viscountess FitzHarris, of Greywell, Hampshire, 10 Miss Jemima Fulford-Dobson, eldest daughter of Captain Michael Fullord-Dobson, RN, and Mrs Fullord-Dobson, of Cerne Abbey. The Bishop of Sherborne

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Cosimo Montagu and Alice Maltby. Mr Edmund Robb was best man. A reception was held at Cerne

Abbey and the honeymoon will be

M J.P. Cavassoni and Miss N.A. Fraser

The marriage took place on Sat-urday in the Basilique Sainte Clotilde, Paris, of M Jean Pierre Cavassoni. son of M Giovanni Cavassoni and the late Mme Georgette Cavassoni, to Miss Natasha Antonia Fraser, younges daughter of the late Sir Hugh Fraser and of Lady Antonia Pinter. The bride, who was given in marriage by her step-father, Mr Harold Pinter, was attended by Stella Powell-Jones, Blanche and

Honor Fitzgerald, Eliza Fraser, Rose Byrne, Ella Harris, Grace Hunter and Olympia Irving. A reception was held at Le Cercle de l'Union Interallié and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Mr A.C. Bossom and Miss A.W. Horton

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Faith's, Overbury, of Mr Andrew Bossom, second son of the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, and Miss Amza Horton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs LLoyd Amza Horton. The Rev Ivan Butcher officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Hal-Horton, was attended by Mrs David Fell, and Rosanna, Amanda and George Bossom. Mr Jamie Bossom was best man. A reception was held

Overbury Court.

and Miss P.J. Smul

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, 1997, in Telluride, Colorado, of Mr Nicholas J.R. Anderson, of Palo Alto, California, son of Dr and Mrs Malcolm F. Anderson, to Miss Pamela J. Smul, of New York, New York, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sanford Smul.

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Dr M.T. Epps and Dr H.D. Pope

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, July 12, at St Lawrence's Church, Didmarton, of Marc, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Epps. of Marden, Herefordshire. nd Henriema, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Pope of Didmarton, Gloucestershire, The Rev Christopher Mulholiand officiated, assisted by Father Simon McGurk

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Chantal Epps and Emma Storey. Mr Gerard Silverstone was best man.

A reception was held at West End House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr FJ. Mayhe and Miss D.J. Kane

The marriage took place on Saturday at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, of Mr Fergus Mayhew, son of Mr Simon Mayhew and of Mrs Elizabeth Leach, to Miss Deborah Kane, daughter of the late Mr Frederick Kane and of Mrs Edith Kane. Canon Timothy D. Lewis Lloyd officiated.

Mr A. Metherell and Mrs P.M. Windsor The marriage took place quietly in Bath. on July 12. between Mr Anthony Metherell and Mrs Patricia Mary Windsor.

Forthcoming marriages Mr N. Bartman

and Miss N. Green

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Bartman, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Natasha, only daughter of Mr J.D. Green and Mrs A.J.M. Green-Aernout, of Hampshire. Dr M.A.W. Tremelling

and Dr A.C. Gillibrand

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Commander Alan Tremelling, RN, retd, and Mrs Jill Tremelling, of Broadwindsor, Dorset, and Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Pharic Gillibrand, of Hamilton, Chilworth, Southampton.

Judicial appointment

Lord Justice Saville has been appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in place of Lord Mustill, vho retired on April 7.

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God, remember this to my credit, and do not wipe out of your memory the devotion. my God and in his servi Nebemiah 13 : 14 CMUSS - On july 10th 1997 Cmdr F.J. (jack) Emuss O.B.E. aged 90 years, father of Peter and juliet and Grandfather of James. BIRTHS Funeral Service on Friday 18th July at St James' Church, Shere at 3 pm. Donations for the Macmillan Nurses may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Donking, EH4 2ES.

ANTELME - On July 10th, to Bachel (nee McMullen) and Alexander, a son, Felix Harry McMullen. BALLAM - On July 5th 1977 to Jenny (neckothwell) & John a daughter Lydia Frances.

ROWN - To Alison Powell and Tony Brown a daughter, Imogen on June 25th 1997. A sister for Elliot. PATTERSON - On July 7th 1997 to Elizabeth (née McLachlan) and Alan, a beloved daughter Isobel

PROUD - On 6th July to Jan (née Farman) and Mike, a gorgeous son, Jack Alexander James, a little brother for Charlotte. STEPHENSON - On 16th June 1997, to Serena (née Maude) and Robert, a son, Raddon Thomas, a brother for Lucy and Susanna.

MARRIAGES

MR A J GARTH & Miss E S
Griffiths. The marriage took
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S Griffiths of Little
Challoni, Becks & Andrew,
elder son of Mr & Mrs I C
Garth of Sabden, Lancs.

DEATHS

REUNING-WILLIAMSON

KERN - Patricia, wigow of William, died on 11th July, aged 67, after long and courageous fight against cancer. Much loved and missed by daughters, Dana and Virginia, grandaugters Louise and Holly and her two Davids. Funeral on Thursday 17 July at 1.30pm, St John's Church, Aldenham, followed by cremation at W. Herts Crematorium, Family flowers, Denations to Mount BROCKIS - Derothy May "Nammis", at Melford Court Nursing Home, on 10th July, 1997, 3ged 90 years, after a long and useful life. Much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Service at United Reformed Church, Sadbury, Soffolk on Thursday 17th July, 1997 at 3 pm. Interment at Sadbury Countery to follow. Flowers may be sent clo Co-operative Funeral Service, Cornard Road, Sadbury, Suffolk COIO

Road, Sudbary, Suffolk CO16 6XA, tel: (01787) 372736. CAMERON WATI - Felicia.
Suddenly, in the early
morning of July 9th, at
home, aged 65. Deeply
mounted by her husband
Professor Donald Cameron
Watt and her family Cameron
Watt and Penelone Cometon MECHAEL - On Thursday July 10th in Croydon, Janet Derothes Emertine, mother of William, Derothy and Stephen, Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Tuesday July 15th at 11 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but if desired donations for RNIS may be sent to 15. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon, CBO 11D. Ewen and Penelope Camana Wart and grandchildrenfomeral Mass at St Ansalm's and St Cecilia, Holborn, Thursday, July 17th, ni 115pm, followed by private interment. Flowers to A. France & Son, 45 Lamb's Condult Street, London WCIN 3NH, tel: (0171) 4054901, by 10 sm. Ewen and Penelope Cam

MORMAN - On July 7th peacefully at Kirtisford Mill in Somerset, Dorsen Wevia de County Norman, wife of Captain H. Norman BN. Funeral private. EASTERLING - On July 9th 1997 at Dorking, Phyllis, widow of Jack. Funeral Service at Leatherhead Crematorium on Thursday July 17th at 11.30 am.

outburst of impassioned song rosettes of field scabious are opening at the foot of hedges, Most blackbirds and chafand the first flowers of great hairy willow-herb join the ranks of rosebay willow-herb. finches have stopped singing: some chaffinches will sing Foxgloves are out every-where: the occasional white again for a few weeks in the autumn, but the blackbirds will not be heard again until ones grow very tall. next February. Out in the fields, where the first barley is White admirals swoop and glide in wide circles before settling on a bramble blosbeing cut, yellowhammers and linnets are still in song. but the whitethroats in the

Nature notes

som: they are large, chocolatebrown butterflies, with a white bar across their wings. The New Times Nature Diary by

Derwent May, based on DJM's Nature Notes and illustrated by

CRAHAM - On 11th july 1997, Sir Charles Graham, 6th Saronet of Netherby. Husband of Susan, £ther of James, Malise and Susanna. A devoted grandfather, most dearly loved Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced Donarions if wished to Kirkandrews on Esk Church, Longtown, c'o Edwin Thompson & Co., Carlisle CAI 2RW.

GREEN - Phyllis Mabel (née Sparey), Artist, Nurse and mother, on 7th July 1997 aged 84 years at King's College Hospital, after a brief illness borne with courage, Beloved and sorely missed wife of Vyyan and mother of Christopher. Covmation Service at West Norwood Crematorium, SEZ7, on Wednesday 16th July at 10 am Flowers or donations to Macmillas Nurses Fund of Kelkways Funeral Service, 104 Lordship Lane, SEZ2 SHF, teb (0181) 693-2898.

HEATH - Ernest James, loved husband of Marjorie, on 10th July aged 77 years, father of Robin and Timothy

HIRSCH - Margaret Sydney Blanche "Maggie" (nib Loopuy) died sged 74 on 10th July 1997 at home. Widow of Richard Ferdinand, dearly loved and sadly missed by her daughter Sonya, family and friends. The funeral service at 11 am Pidiay 18th July at Goldens Green Cennatorium, West Chapel, 62 Hoop Lane, NW11. Flowers to H.J. Bent & Co., IC Westminster Court, Aberdeen Place, S. John's Wood, NWS 8JR, tek (0171) 723-1186, before 9 am Pidiay.

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Quality was particularly

high among the large-flow-

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for the best bloom or star of

the show was fierce. The title

went to dusky pink "Summer Lady", which gained a silver

gilt medal for Ivor Mace, of

Treorchy, Rhondda. His bloom of peach-coloured "Lady Mavis Pilkington" was

Mr Mace also won several

of the classes for boxes of

specimen blooms of large

flowered roses. He included a

new rich red cultivar, "Gar-

eth Davies", not yet intro-

duced, but tipped to become a

exhibit was a bowl of "Ann

The best cluster-flowered

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Rose Festival.

runner-up.

Edinburgh will attend a Service of Installation of the Knights of the Edinburgh, at 11.30; and will give a Thistle luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 1. The Prince of Wales, as President,

The Prince's Trust, will attend a presentation to Scottish employers on the work of The Prince's Trust-Volunteers at the Barony Great Hall, 6 Rotten Row East, Strathclyde University, Glasgow at 2; and as Patron, Royal Opera, will attend a concert at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, at 7.25. The Duke of Kent will also attend. The Duke of York will visit Mupor, Alness, Ross and Cromarty at 1L45; will visit the Glenmorangie Distillery, Tain, at 2.05; will open the Invergordon Swimming Pool, at 3.05; and will visit Zonal Audio

Princess Margaret, as President, Royal Ballet, will attend the final performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, before its

Plastics, at 3.40.

Major-General J.C.O.R. Hopkin son at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Field Marshal Sir James Cassels held yesterday in the Garrison Chapel, Fort George,

Amateurs make rose show

a feast of vibrant colours

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture correspondent

Harkness" with light apricot

rosette-shaped flowers,

shown by L Clark, of Alveston, Bristol, who re-

ceived a silver-gilt medal. He also won the James Mason

Memorial class with the warm pink cluster-flowered

Sexy Rexy, the 1996 winner.

The section for miniature

roses was strongly supported,

reflecting their popularity.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs

A. Grosse, of Haverhill, Suf-

folk, won the Hamilton Cen-

tenary award for a collection

of cluster-flowered minia-

tures that included a new

cultivar, "Carrot Top", with

The top award in the competition, the W.E.

Harkness Memorial Trophy, went to A.J. Bracegirdle, of

Ramsbottom, Greater Manchester, making him the

at the festival, gold medals

went to David Austin Roses,

of Albrighton, Shropshire,

who arranged their English

roses in huge wicker baskets,

Henry Street Nursery, of Aberfield, Berkshire, which

launched the new golden orange cluster-flowered rose,

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ers present were.

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co, he was promoted to Under-Secretary in 1949. In 1951 he was chosen to be

Principal Private Secretary to the Labour Prime Minister, Clement

Attlee. He had held this position for

only three months when the Lab-

1951 general election and Attlee was

succeeded by Churchill. Of an age

ed to recall his last wartime

Principal Private Secretary, Sir

Leslie Rowan. Advised by the Secretary to the Cabinet, Sir Nor-

man Brook, that Rowan had by now risen too high in Whitehall for

this to be practicable, Churchill settled instead for the return of the

young assistant private secretary

he had originally inherited from

Neville Chamberlain in 1940 but

Destined to become one of the

most ardent keepers of the Chur-

whom he had grown to like.

Government lost the October

ary Fellow 40 years later.

Sir David Pitblado, KCB.

CVO, former Joint Principal

Private Secretary to Sir Winston Churchill and

General, 1971-76, died on July

9 aged 84. He was born on

August 18, 1912.

out attractive sense of humour and

he did not lack ambition, though he

subordinated it to a stern sense of duty to his profession and his

country. That sense of duty can

never have come under a stronger

test than when in October 1951

Winston Churchill, on returning to

Downing Street, took one look at

the surviving members of the No 10

private office before exclaiming: "Drenched in socialism, all of

In fact, as even the Prime

Minister's confidant Sir John Col-

ville was to record, that remark was

not only unfair but inaccurate. In

those days at least - practices may

be different today. — Downing Street civil servants took scriptu-lous care to remain objective and

Pitblado, who had served in No 10

only since July 1951, was certainly

David Bruce Pitblado came from

no affluent background. Unlike

Jock Colville - with whom he was

to serve in joint harness for nearly

four years - he possessed no grand

family connections and had had to

make his own way in the world. Educated at Strand School, he won

a place in 1932 at Emmanuel

no exception to that rule.

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avid Pithlado was a civil

servant of the highest

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in Olympic title in one of the most technically as well as physically demanding events. When he won his gold medal at Munich in 1972, he set a world record of 47.82 seconds in an event that the American mach Dean Cronswell nicknamed "the man-killer of track and field". He beat the 48.12 seconds of Britain's David Hemery at high alti-

tude in Mexico City in 1968. Hemery, who was to finish blazing pace in an heroic attempt to retain his Olympic time, said later: "I only knew Akii for a week in Munich but had more than 40 brothers I will never forget his joy in his and sisters from the many

spirit, a burning desire to prove himself and his country

and a lot of hard work." The man who knew most about that hard work, apart from Akii-Bua himself, was Malcolm Arnold, now Britain's chief athletics coach, who held the same position in Uganda between 1968 and 1972. He gradually persuaded the young athlete to change his specialisation from the 100 metres high hurdles to the

Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, Akii-Bua gave Arnold 12 school exercise books. in which he had written his life story, beginning with childish memories of his very first family races for prizes of competition even then was often tough since Akii-Bua, as he liked to recall, at one time

harnessed nature, a good the Lango district in the north mind, a strong body, a willing of Uganda. Akii-Bua, who had become

our exercises."

of the track. After finishing

fourth in the 1970 Common-

wealth Games in the 400

metres hurdles, he improved

his best time to 49.7 seconds

on a bumpy grass track in

Kampala and then made his

international breakthrough

by winning the Africa v Uni-

ted States match at Durham,

North Carolina, in 49 seconds,

a time which could have been

faster if Akii-Bua's exuberance

had not caused him to wave to

the crowd well before the

Such progress was remarkable considering the lack of

good facilities in Uganda, where a pair of European

soiked shoes cost more than a

month's wages. But Akii-Bua, motivated by

the 1972 Olympics, and seeing

it as a chance to prove that

Uganda could produce cham-

pions like the Kenyans, began

to work more and more for

strength. He ran in a weighted

finish line.

sor F Smahel (Czech Republic History; Professor J D Spence (USA),

The following scholars were elected Honorary Fellows of the British Academy: Sir David Cox;

The following medals and prizes were awarded::

Sir Israel Gollancz Prize, Professor F C Robinson, FBA. Kenyon Medal for Classical Studies, Professor R G M Nishet, FBA. Rose Mary Crawshay Prizes, (i) Ms K Williamson, ed The Poetical Works of Christopher Smart, volumes V and VI, Clarendon Press; (ii) Professor H

Sir Kenneth Durham.

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SIR DAVID PITBLADO

College, Cambridge, of which he chill flame, Colville was accordingly plucked forth from the Foreign Office and appointed Joint Principal Private Secretary at No 10.,

He passed the Civil Service examinations in 1935 and was There was only one snag. Colville posted to the Dominions Office. was not merely younger (by three becoming in due course assistant years) but much junior in rank to private secretary to two successive the tenant-in-possession of the Secretaries of State, first Malcolm Downing Street private office, MacDonald and then Lord Stan-Pitblado. But somehow — in an accommodation that says much for ley. During the Second World War he served in the Cabinet Office the complementary qualities of under Sir Edward Bridges, whom each man - a modus vivendi was reached whereby the two of them he idolised. Being considered of above average ability, he was then shared their responsibilities throughout the whole period of sent to the Treasury. A member of the British delegation, led by An-thony Eden, to the 1945 United Nations Conference in San Francis-Churchill's second administration. It was an arrangement that

worked surprisingly well for, while Pitblado provided wise and expert knowledge of financial and Civil Service matters. Colville was much closer to the Prime Minister personally and more involved in foreign and defence affairs. Churchill did not find Pitblado a boon companion - not, as he once put it about Attlee, "the kind of man with whom one would find it agreeable at which people generally like to have familiar faces around them, the new Prime Minister first wantto dine" - but he respected him and treated him with unfailing courtesy. For his part, Pitblado bore with relative equanimity the obvious preference of his boss for the company of Colville or, for that matter, of his young parliamentary private secretary and son-in-law, Christopher Soames.

Colville left No 10 with Churchill in April 1955, but Pitblado understandably wishing to resume the sole charge of the private office that had been snatched from him in 195? - was more than content to remain in Downing Street once Eden had taken over. This proved to be a mistake. His own placid temperament rubbed the volatile Eden up the wrong way, and there was a measure of relief all round when at the very beginning of 1956 he returned to the Treasury to make way for "Freddie" Bishop. who served Eden until his fall in 1957 and then stayed with his successor, Harold Macmillan, until April 1959.

The suspicion that Pitblado's move was not entirely voluntary is perhaps best borne out by the fact that the initial job the Treasury offered him was that of being vicechairman of the European Payments Union - not a normal stoppping-off point for a high-flyer. (He had been appointed CB in 1955 and CVO in the Coronation Honours of 1953)

But by 1960 things were looking up. In that year he was appointed a Treasury Third Secretary and the following year became - in succession to Lord Cromer, later Governor of the Bank of England - head the Treasury delegation in Washington. This post traditionally carries the rank of Minister within the Foreign Service and also offers a seat on the boards of both the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Pitblado felt thoroughly at home in Washington and carried out his responsibilities with great competence.

That made it all the more surprising that, when he came home in 1963, it was only to return to the somewhat amorphous duties of a Third Secretary at the Treasury. But the truth probably was that at that time there was something of a log-jam on the promo-

tional ladder in Whitehall. Revealingly, it was not until 1965 that Pitblado first got his foot onto it with his appointment as deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Power. He inherited the permanent secretaryship in 1966 but it was not the most glamorous of Whitehall departments -- it was abolished in 1969, Although Pitblado had three successive ministers pass through his hands, none of them exactly qualified as a rising star. He had the consolation of

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being advanced to KCB in 1967. When the ministry was wound up in 1969, its displaced Permanent Secretary found temporary refuge at Tony Benn's Department of Technology, where he became Secretary (Industry) but was no longer the accounting officer. His final job within the Whitehall power structure was as Second Secretary at the newly created Civil Service Department, where he played very much second fiddle to Sir William Armstrong. He found his release from that somewhat constricting role in being appointed Comptroller and Auditor-General (and, therefore, a servant of the House of Commons)

his retirement at 63 in 1976. In retirement he devoted his energies and his acute brain to advising the Institute of Directors on several important committees. to guiding the finances of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and to working with the council of SSAFA. In 1941 he had married Edith Evans and they acquired a cottage in her native Wales. She died in 1978 and he is survived by a son and a daughter.

in 1971. He held this position until



JOHN AKII-BUA



John Akii-Bua, Uganda's 1972 Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, died after a long illness on June 21 aged 47. He was born on December 3.

JOHN AKILBUA will be remembered in the history of international athletics for being the first African to win

longer event.

After he had become the third in Munich after setting a sweets given by his father. The

victory. In order to succeed he wives of his father, a chief of

an acting Commissioner of Police at the time of his death, began by tending the family cattle after leaving school in 1964. Joining the police two years later, he went through basic physical education and then, because of natural suppleness, was persuaded to try the high hurdles. His first coach was the uncompromising Jorem Ochana, who would put a high jump bar a couple of feet above the hurdle so that his young pupil would keep his head and body low. Laughing. Akii-Bua would point out a scar on his forehead from those days, explaining: Ochana was a superior officer - he made me listen though I used to bleed a lot in

After his national success as a high hurdler, it took his next coach, Malcolm Arnold, many months to persuade Akii-Bua to try hurdling over a full lap

gave him \$150 expenses. Six days before the Olympics began, timed by Arnold, he ran two extraordinary time trials over 10 hurdles in 48.3 seconds and 48.5 seconds with an interval of only half-anhour. Akii-Bua seemed ready for the breakthrough of his life. Yet on the day of the final he still had to conquer first pain from a tooth extraction. then a swollen knee and ultimately such a dramatic opening attack by Hemery, (who led him by perhaps three yards at the sixth flight) that for a split second the Ugandan thought to himself: "I've lost

But Akii-Bua conquered the disadvantage of the inside lane. Taking just 14 strides between the hurdles down the backstraight where Hemery took 15, he took the lead at the ninth flight and was never headed. He celebrated, unforgettably, by running almost another half lap after victory, before an ecstatic crowd.

After that life was in many ways an anticlimax, even though he took much pleasure in his family and the friends he so easily made around the world. Athletically he never reached his true potential, being kept from the 1976 Montreal Olympics by an African boycott (his record was there broken by the American Edwin Moses) and failing in Moscow in 1980 even to survive the semi-finals of the hurdles.

To honour Akii-Bua, Idi Amin named after him a sports stadium in the runner's home town of Lira, and a street in a Kampala suburb But life outside the stadium became difficult under the despotic, unpredictable dictator, because Akii-Bua belonged to the same tribe as the deposed President, Milton Obote. In 1979, when Ugandan exiles, helped by Tanzanian troops, overthrew Amin. Akii-Bua and his family fled to Kenya, where he was jailed for a month and scheduled to be returned to Uganda. Fortunately, the man who always said he raced "most of all for the joy" was helped to freedom. He worked for several years for the Puma sports shoe firm in Nuremberg, before eventually returning to

Uganda. vest over the hurdles and up Predeceased by his wife, steep hills at a training camp who died last year, he is survived by II children. in Kabale, for which the police

poorest of his subjects live.

It is well known that the King takes a great

He recalled an earlier visit to Newmarket

Union Workhouse when he visited the

institution yesterday to see the extensive

alterations that have been made to the

interest in the conditions under which even the

EDWARD AMOS

Edward Amos, musician and teacher, died on June 18 aged 72. He was born on November 3, 1924.

EDWARD AMOS was one of that breed of schoolmasters who devote their entire careers to one school, in his case to Bedford School. He taught there for 36 years from 1950, 22 of them as director of music. Known to everyone as "Ted", he did not allow his work in the field of music to cease at the school gates. Many organisations and children came under his influence.

Edward John Amos was born in Kennington, south London, the son of a London policeman and his wife. He attended Westminster City School but during his time there was also a junior exhibitioner at the Royal Academy of Music as a viola player. It was to the RAM that he went in 1943 full-time, studying with Bernard Shore and becoming a member of the RAM Quartet with Nona Liddell, Ivor Mac-Mahon and John Kennedy. He also deputised in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Thomas Beecham.

He always wanted to go to Oxford, and this was made possible when he answered an advertisement from Keble College for a Holroyd Scholar. The holder of this scholarship had to be a string player: the further requirement that the successful candidate needed to come from Yorkshire was disregarded that year, since no Yorkshireman applied.

Amos went up to Oxford in 1947 to read music, going on to take his BMus. It was while he was at Oxford that he came under the influence of Thomas Armstrong, organist at Christ Church, and also of H. K. Andrews, Armstrong's opposite number at New College.

Amos had rowed for Keble,

but it was by chance that having decided to be a schoolmaster - he applied to Bedford, one of the country's leading rowing schools. The headmaster, the redoubtable Humphrey Grose-Hodge, gave Amos a gruelling interview which ended with the familiar, forbidding question: "And have you anything you want to ask me?" Amos casually and innocently inquired whether there was any rowing at Bedford, and, after the headmaster had overcome his shock at discovering a potential staff member who had not even heard of Bedford's prowess on the river, he recovered sufficiently to register his plea-

sure at Amos's interest in the sport and offered him the job. He started off as assistant music director to Dr William Probert-Jones until the latter's retirement in 1957. When Amos succeeded him, he became one of the very few directors of music in the country to be a string, and not a keyboard, player. He delegated chapel music to a colleague and set about sweeping reforms in the instrumenta tuition scheme, and orchestral and band activities. He always attributed the success of his

work in this area to having a preparatory department on site, where he could develop musicians, especially string players, at a young age. He introduced instrumental playing to hundreds of boys, some of whom proceeded to the National Youth Orchestra.

Amos's interest in giving young people a chance to play in large groups was demon-strated when he set up the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools Orchestras, of which he was assistant director to John Lubbock from 1973 until 1994. He was also the chief auditioner for the orchestra (and consequently the junior orchestras and the bands) and was a well-known face in many preparatory schools

Amos was made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in 1963 in recognition of his work in music education, and he was president of the Music Masters' Association (now the Music Masters' and Mistresses' Association) in 1968-69. After some ill-health in 1977. he decided to resign the music directorship in 1979, but continued to teach full-time until he retired in 1986.

He found encouragement throughout his working life from his wife Jean, whom he had taught when he was an Academy sub-professor and she was an RAM first-year student. She survives him, together

with two daughters and a son. his elder son having predeceased him.



Elections to the British Academy THE KING AT NEWMARKET WORKHOUSE

The British Academy's officers for 1997-98 will be: Sir Tony Wrigley. President: Professor M.M. McGowert, Vice-President; Mr J.S. Flemming, Treasurer, Professor RE Supple, Foreign Secretary; Professor F.G.B. Millar, Publica-Danies, Chairman of the Com-Siliee on Academy Research

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Mr R G H Holmes (private scholar).
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(University of Cambridge). Theology:
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Manchester). Social Anthropology:
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P M Warren (University of Bristol). Archaeology: Professor T Williamson (University of Edinburgh). Philosophy: Professor A B Worden (Universiry of Sussex). History.

Professor B Tizard (formerly University of London), Social psychology, was elected a Senior Fellow of the British Academy. The following scholars were

elected Corresponding Fellows of

the British Academy:

Professor W Berschin (Germany).
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buildings. Passing into the workhouse, the King expressed his satisfaction at seeing so large, clean and airy an apartment as that used by the immates as a dining-hall. For some moments the King stood looking at a coloured reproduction of the well-known picture "The Thin Red Line," and then he asked to be shown the dietary list. On being informed by the master that a new dietary comes into force at Michaelmas the King Clark, FBA replied that he knew of it and that it was referable to that in force. He asked to have

the inmates marched in, noticing the midday meal was ready, and stayed until the 200 adults in the workhouse took their seats. The hospital was next visited, and in the women's ward the King stayed to ask an elderly woman whether she was happy and comfortable. "Oh, yes, Sir." was the reply. "I hope you never quarrel," remarked the King.

ON THIS DAY

July 14, 1904

King Edward VII was a popular and successful figure on the turf; so a return visit to the Newmarket Workhouse, during which he joked with some of the inmates and chatted with a former trainer to the King of Spain. fined in well with some racing on the Heath.

"there are several of you here." "Oh, no, Sir," the old dame assured her Sovereign, who laughingly asked, "You're sure you never do?" Noticing an open balcony, the King inquired whether it was for the open-air treatment of consumption, and remarked that those using i would no doubt be interested at seeing the

racehorses exercising in the paddock. In the men's ward was lying a stable-lad in the last stages of consumption, and the King went up to him and asked whether he could play the mandoline lying near. The boy was too confused to answer, and the master in-formed the King that Johnny would like to try

to play the National Anthem on it. With a kindly word that out Johnny Watts at his ease at once he bade him try, and stood by the bedside while the lad played, afterwards telling the delighted boy he had done it very well.

In another ward the King's attention was called to William Parkinson, who, at the age of 83, is spending his last years in the workhouse. On being told that Parkinson was formerly trainer of racehorses to the late King of Spain, his Majesty questioned him. Parkinson replied that he had been a great traveller, having been nearly all over the world. He had resided, he said, in Russia and Prussia; and for some moments King and subject chanted, mentioning various places abroad. Just before he left the King asked Parkinson whether he knew Oucen Isabella was dead, and then inquired whether the man was comfortable, expressing his pleasure at hearing that he was. In the kitchen the King remarked that the arrangements were "capital".

The King was asked whether he would allow one of the wards of the workhouse to be called "King Edward VII Ward." and readily consented. As he was leaving, the visitors' book was brought him, and in it he wrote: "It is nine years since I visited this union, and I find It vastly improved and in excellent order. Edward R.& I, July 13, 1904."

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Inquiry into swim man's lottery deals

A government inquiry was promised into allegations that Hamilton Bland, the BBC's "voice of swimming", had been involved in a potential conflict of interests over the distribution of National Lottery money.

Mr Bland has an official role recommending which swimming pool bids get lottery cash. But, an investigation by The Times and Granada TV's World in Action shows, he is also a consultant for those seeking funding..... Pages 1, 8, 9

Former Major aide is US envoy

■ Christopher Meyer, a former Downing Street press secretary under John Major, has emerged as the surprise frontrunner to take over the key diplomatic post of British Ambassador to Washington from Sir John Kerr, who will return to London in the autumn to head the Diplomatic

Service. Eta killing

Street violence erupted in northern Spain after the murder of a town councillor by the separatist movement Eta..... Pages I, II

Junk mail war

A crusade to stanch the deluge of junk mail and the sale of personal information about customers without consent is to be undertaken by the data protection ... Page 1 watchdog...

BA disarray

British Airways' flights from Heathrow will be disrupted for at least the next three days as while strikers have returned more than 1,500 cabin staff are still on sick

Helicopter crash

A boy aged nine died when a helicopter pleasure flight organised by a Noel Edmonds charity crashed near Glamis Castle. Five others were hurt. ..Page 3

Princess's holiday

Diana, Princess of Wales, continued her yacht holiday with the businessman Mohamed Al Fayed amid criticism that the trip was "ill-advised".... ...Page 5

Bad timing

Balancing the demands of a an increasing problem for today's young professionals, according to research. One-fifth would be prepared to take a pay cut if it meant having more free time Page 7

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Mask-wearing art restorers have removed a cancer-causing chemical from more than 27,500 original Acts of Parliament dating back to 1497 in a secret three-year .. Page 10

Nazi loot returned

A Cubist masterpiece has been returned to its owner by the French Government, 57 years after it was looted from a Jewish collector by the NazisPage 11

State funeral The Bosnian Serb war crimes

suspect killed by the SAS was given a state funeral, which 3,000 people attended **Working hours** The European Union's law on

maximum working hours is to be

extended to nearly six million

more EU workers under propos-

als to be endorsed by the Brussels Commission ... Page 13

Palestinian losses Nearly half the Palestinian budget this year - \$326 million (£194 million) - had been lost to corruption or mismanagement, according to an internal Palestinian

..... Page 14

Blast death

career and home life is becoming A girl aged 12 was killed and several people were hurt when thousands of spectators were showered by flying debris after a Canberra hospital demolition went wrong

Glenn Miller 'died in French brothel'

Glenn Miller, the American band leader, did not die in a plane crash over the Channel but in a French brothel, according to a German investigative journalist. The author of a book about Germany's intelligence service claims Miller's plane reached France and that he died of a heart attack in the arms of a Paris prostitute



Soldiers wear First Word War battledress at a commemoration yesterday of the battle of Passchendaele in Belgium 80 years ago

BUSINESS

Plane fact: British Airways has admitted its own internal problems caused baggage delays and flight cancellations well in advance of last week's industrial action by cabin ... Page 48

Distance call: MCI's chairman arrives in London today for negotiations on the price British Telecom must pay for the company after last week's profits alert.... ... Page 48

Sony jobs: Sony, the electronics giant, to setting up a 100-strong research base in Cambridge to develop "artificial life"...... Page 48

Petrol plan: Supermarket chains would be forced to store vast quantities of fuel under oil company proposals put forward to the Office of Fair Trading's petrol market Page 48 inquiry.

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Melvyn Bragg: "Where do I stand with Norman Mailer after the damaging and lurid confessions of his wife? Do I still rate him or must i learn to hate

Busy thesplan: The British theatre actor Pete Postlethwaite has a nice career going on the big screen, thanks, in part, to Steven

Real thing: The Kirov Ballet brought its staging of Swan Lake to London on Friday and showed us what 19th-century classical ballet was all about Page 19 New work: Diana Burrell's new opera, The Albatross, is given

its premiere by the Trinity

College of Music at

Art is it: These days, art galleries are the only places to be seen for the in-crowd Page 17

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Beer, bourbon and bonding: Real men are fighting back with a new bestseller, says Giles ..Page 16

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Richard Cork reviews

at the Royal Academy

American law firms

lawyers are cashing in

are recruiting in London

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— and English

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plunged back into controversy when Henry Akinwande was disqualified for repeatedly holding Lennox Lewis Page 30

25-6 in the international against Australia in Sydney, but learnt some valuable lessonsPage 32 Tennis: Greg Rusedski won the

Cup .. Cricket: Ben Hollioake underlined that he possesses the talent and

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Two jackpot winners each received £3,687,158. Thirty-three ticketholders won £68,758 for five balls and the bonus ball; 1,070 won more than £1,000 for five balls; 67,405 von £45 for four-1-916 670 won £10

Motor racing: Damon Hill earned a rapturous reception after finishing sixth in the British Grand Prix. won by Jacques Villeneuve, and earning his first point of the Page 25, 27

Gott: Tom Lehman proved he is in the best form to defend his Open title at Troon by winning the Gulfstream World Invitational at

Boxing: Heavyweight boxing

Rugby union: England were beaten

deciding rubber to give Britain a 3-2 win over Ukraine in the Davis

temperament to illuminate big occasions with a match-winning innings for Surrey in the Benson and Hedges Cup final....

4, 9, 27, 37, 44, 45. Bonus 7.

Preview: Celebration of the Royal Opera House, The Farewell Gala (BBC2, 7.30); Review: Matthew Bond enjoys David Dimbleby's In-

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Sporting amateurs

The patchwork nature of lottery grant distribution places huge patronage in a variety of hands, some of them apparently not entirely .Page 21

European terrorists

Of all Spain's allies, Britain should be the first to realise the dangers of a violent and irreconcilable regional sub-culture

Stub it out

Some anti-smoking measures raise problems of principle and practicality...

COLUMNS **

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

I have known few people of warmer hearts, shrewder judgment orstronger courage than tough-minded whisky-drinking lesbians of a certain age... PETER RIDDELL

Ministers should ponder Hugh Dalton's diary entry: "I am riding just now on a high tide of success. I must, therefore, cautiously watch my step!" Within 18 months, he had been forced to resign Page 20

MICHAEL GOVE Past experiments in populism at Radio 4, from Citizens to Anderson Country, sat in the schedules like Orangemen at Mass, uncomfortable and unpopular Page 20

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Sir David Pitblade, former Joint Principal Private Secretary to Sir Winston Churchill; John Akii-Bua, Uganda's 1972 Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion; Edward Amos, music teacher Page 23

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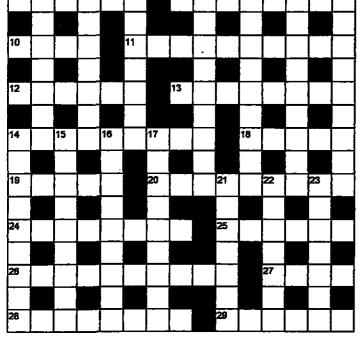
Three quarters of Russia's civil aircraft have exceeded their normal lifespan and need to be thoroughly overhauled. It is time for the federal Government to conduct a sweeping bottom-up review

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ACROSS

Hard worker one of those responsible for horse and trap (6).

Militant is in Berlin following fourth part of play (8).

Celebrity backing way to become national leader (4).

Racy cadets ragged timid fellow (7-3).

t prevents one sinking in a lifticult situation (6).

13 Cave in wood sheltering everyone on way back (8). 14 County coach provides position for foremost players (9). 18 French resort accommodating English relative (5).

19 Section of cult rather extreme in

opinion (5). Gathered together and composed 24 Disciplinarian can initially spoil film (8). 25 A rodent keeps it in a hole (6).

26 Hired worker, one bit by bit accepted by 3 (10). 27 Meet a stated target (4).

> The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,530 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

28 Answered snappily, looking embarrassed about rich cake (8). 29 Spiteful-sounding yarn (6).

2 Soak last of fruit in port to make this dish (7). 3 He views the action from a box

4 Beginning to develop sickbay erected with little cash (7). 6 Material point grasped by Nym, for one (9).

7 Inactivity could be nice, pocketing new benefit (9). 8 Beginning event with Greek character replacing daughter (9). 9 It establishes ownership of river

in noble's possession (5.4). 14 He may have a warrant to lead strikers on the march (4.5).

15 Saving system set up by House, in readiness for a rainy day (5.4). 16 Traits one developed as a shopkeeper (9).

17 Original model made by roguish Eastern characters (9). 21 State of a solid figure, expressed briefly (7).

22 Delicacy - one a king consumed by a grotto (7). 23 Show lively interest, taking in

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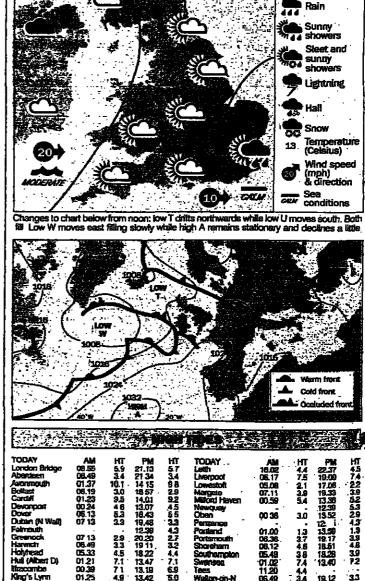
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rain by evening. Light wind. Max 20C (68F). Lakes, SW, NW Scotland, G'gow, Argyll: Mostly dry with sunny spells. Cloudier by evening. Light wind. Max 19C (66F). Borders, E'burgh & Dundee, A'deen, Cent H'lands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Cloudy, showers this morning. Brighter and drier this afternoon. Light wind. Max 19C (66F). ☐ General: Central, eastern and northern England will have a dry day with surrry spells, with the best of the sunshine in the east. A little fresher than of late. Wates, SW England, W Scotland, N Ireland dry and bright at first: hazy sunshine. Cloudier later, rain in N Ireland in afternoon, reaching other western areas by evening. Northern and eastern Scotland will start cloudy with showers. Drier highter in all Max 19C (66F). Shetland: Mostly cloudy with showers Moderate SE wind. Max 15C (59F). cloudy with showers Drier, brighter in all but Shetland later. Tonight many eastern parts will remain dry with clear spells, but western areas will cloud over during evening with rain pushing eastwards, bringing a damp and misty right. N bretand: Quite bright at first, but mainly cloudy with rain this alternoon. Light to mod S wind, Max 19C (66F). Outlook: Unsettled, but generally wa and dry in South East. ☐ London, SE, Cent S, E, NW, Cent N, NE England, Midlands, E Anglia, Ch'l Is: Mostly dry day. Long suriny spells. Cloudier periods. Light wind. Max 21C (70F) C Pollen: low in SW, SE, Cent S England, London; moderate in NE England, S Wales, East Anglia, Home Countries; high in Scotland, N Ireland, NW England, N Wales, Midlands (supplied by Pollen Research Unit). SW England, Wales, IoM: sunshine this morning, cloudler cloud this afternoon,

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